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Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*,

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Imprimis tibi objicimus & Articulamur. That you, the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, now have, and for 18 or 19 Years last past, have had in the Diocess of *Downe*, four great and considerable Parishes, with Cures; each of them being of large Extent, and great Yearly Value, which you now enjoy, or pretend to enjoy; and for all the time aforesaid, (except the late Troubles) have enjoy'd, or pretended to have enjoy'd, in right of the said Archideaconry of *Downe*, as Parts and Members thereof; namely the several distinct Rectories or Parishes of *Drumbeg*, *Drumbo*, *Grantin*, and *Kilcleife*; and that you now have, and for 18 or 19 Years last past have had, Five several and distinct Parishes or Rectories, with Cure; namely, *Carnaſtle*, *Killaghter*, *Ruſhee*, *Ballyor* and *Derryhigan*, in the Diocess of *Connor*; which now are, and for above Twenty Years last past, (except in the late Troublesome Times) have been enjoy'd by you, as Parts or Members of your said Prebendary of *Carnaſtle*; and are of very considerable Yearly Value and Profit to you: And that you have not been Resident upon any one of the said Parishes or Cures, in either of the said Diocesses, since your first Institution or Collation to the said Archdeaconry and Prebendary, (which is now at least 18 or 19 Years and more) as by the Canons and Constitutions of the

Church of *Ireland*, you are obliged and required to be: But on the contrary, you have been constantly Resident elsewhere, out of the said Parishes, and every of them, for all the said time, or the greatest part thereof; or for most part of the said time, you personally Inhabited, Resided and Dwelt in the Town of *Lisburne*, in the Parish of *Blaris*, to the great Scandal of your Profession, Offence, and Spiritual Detriment of the several Persons under your respective Cures, and the great Reproach and Contempt of Ecclesiastical Order and Discipline: Et *Objicimus*, &c.

The ANSWER to the First *Article*: The Formal Part omitted.

TO the First Article, this Respondent sayeth and confesseth, That he was Intituled to the Prebendary of Carncastle, in the Diocess of Connor, in the Year 1667. unto the Archdeaconry of Downe, in the Year 1674. and hath perform'd all that the Law required to Compleat this Respondent in the said Prebendary and Archdeaconry; and hath exhibited this Respondent's Titles to the same, in many Metropolitical and Episcopal Visitations of the Diocesses of Downe and Connor; and that they have been produced and approved in several Trials in the King's Courts, concerning this Respondent's Rights of the Church within the said Prebendary and Archdeaconry: That the Rectories of Drumbo, Drumbeg, Kileleise, and the Chappel of Maluthias, *alias* Crumlin, were united and annexed to the said Archdeaconry. And the Rectories of Carncastle, Killoghter, Ballynor, Rushee and Dirrichigan were likewise united and annexed to the said Prebendary. This Respondent denies, that the profitable and inhabited Parts of the said Parishes, are of a large extent, or of a great yearly Value. That the Respondent, hath not received out of the said Archdeaconry and Prebendary 300 *l.* per Ann. Communibus Annis, these last Seven Years. That the Church of Drumbo is, and hath been time out of mind in ruinous, that scarce any form of the Ruins of a Church can be seen in the said Parish. That the demolished Church of Drumbeg, hath been this last Summer Repaired by this Respondents Expence, of near 100 *l.* Sterl. about a Mile distant from the said old Ruins of Drumbo: And that the Cure of the Parishes of Drumbo and Drumbeg, hath been performed by the same Minister, ever since the Memory of Man; and allowed in all Visitations. That this Respondent having

ing not yet Recovered any Manſe House, or Gleab Land, in either of the ſaid Pariſhes theſe laſt Twenty Years, hath Reſided in the Town of Lisburne, at the Cathedral Church of the Dioceſſes of Downe and Connor, and the Biſhop's Reſidence, equally diſtant, about two Miles from the ſaid Churches of Drumbo and Drumbeg. That the Reſpondent's Dwelling is ſo convenient at Lisburne, that he may readily attend any Miniſterial Offices, in either Pariſh: And ſince the Reparation of the Church of Drumbeg, this Reſpondent hath conſtantly Officiated there in Perſon, or his Aſſiſtant. And this Reſpondent conceives, that he, this Reſpondent, having a Faculty for Pluralities, and being Archdeacon and Vicar-General of the Dioceſs, dwelling nearer the ſaid Church of Drumbeg, than he might if he Dwelt in ſome part of the ſaid Pariſh, may be reputed as Reſident, as when he hath been in the King's Court, and abſent in Aſſerting and Defending the Rights of the Church, may be reputed preſent. That this Reſpondent, hath been near Twenty Years, laſt paſt, in Suit for Recovering the pretended Impropriate Tithes, belonging to the ſaid Church of Drumbeg: And after the mighey Oppoſitions and Expences of near Two thouſand Pounds, this Reſpondent hath obtained a perpetual Injunction out of the High Court of Chancery, to Quiet this Reſpondent, in the Poſſeſſion of the Rectory and Vicarage of Drumbeg, as a Member of the ſaid Archdeaconry. That although this Reſpondent, by himſelf, or Licenſed Curates, hath performed the Cure of the ſaid Pariſh, during the laſt Twenty Years, yet he hath not received 10l. Sterl. out of the Revenues thereof: And this Reſpondent often endeavoured, yet cou'd not prevail on the preſent Poſſeſſor of the Lands near the ſaid Church, to get any Land there, at any reaſonable Rent, where this Reſpondent might Build and Reſide; although it was anciently the Gleab-Lands of the ſaid Church. This Reſpondent, hath a conſtant Reſident Curate at Hillsborough, alias Crimlin, as has been for many Years laſt paſt. That the old Church of Killcleife, hath been Ruinous time out of mind: And within a Mile, or thereabouts, from the Church of Ballycuiter; and tho' a few Conformiſts in the Pariſh of Killcleife, have reſorted thither, time out of mind, for Divine Service, and the Sacraments; and thereby have excuſed themſelves, from Rebuilding their Old Church, or chooſing Church-Wardens. That the ſaid Pariſh of Killcleife, according to the Civil Survey, containing only 552 Acres; and that much of the Eccleſiaſtical Profits, ariſeth out of the Gleab Lands. That the Tennants of the Gleab, and Tythes of the ſaid Pariſh, are above 500l. in Arrear to this Reſpondent, within the laſt Seven Years. That the Pariſhes of Killoghter, Ballycor, and Raſhee, are Members of the Prebendary of Carncaſtle, and contiguous

to the Parish of Carncastle. That the ancient Churches or Chappels of Killoghter, Ballycorr, and Rashee, are, and have been, time out of mind, utterly Ruinous: And that the generality of the Inhabitants of the said Parishes are, and have been, long before this Respondent's time, Recusants, or obstinate Dissenters; and that the few Conformists, might have resorted to their Mother Church of Carncastle, which this Respondent, with Care and Expences hath kept in Repair; and hath nominated an able Curate, who is Licensed by the Bishop and Resides there. That this Respondent, hath prevail'd on the Inhabitants of the said Parishes of Ballycorr, and Rashee, to Rebuild an ancient Chappel, scituate near the middle of the said Parish, and the same hath been lately finished; and the Church-yard Inclosed, and the Church-Bell Bought and Brought thither, at near 30 l. of this Respondent's Charge: And that an able Licensed Curate, Resides there. That this Respondent conceives, that if the Curates did not reside on the Churches aforesaid; or that the Church-wardens, or Parish Clerks, have not been chosen, and have not performed their Offices in their respective Parishes. It is not the fault of this Respondent, as Archdeacon and Prebend, that no standing Church, within the said Prebendary and Archdeaconry, wanted a sufficient Licensed Curate, at the last Triennial Visitation of the said Dioceses: And that all the standing Churches, within the said Prebendary and Archdeaconry, are now supply'd with Licensed Curates. And this Respondent hath often Officiated at his said several Churches. And when this Respondent could not procure Curates in former Years, and the Parishes without Churches; this Respondent imployed much of his Pains and Incomes, for the Recovery of the Gleabs, and of the Tythes, kept unjustly in Lay Hands; and he Enjoyed, and Laid up very little of his Revenues (which he received out of his Churches) for his own Advantage. And though this Respondent is very far from Flattering himself, yet since Truth ought to be spoken in this Cause, this Respondent verily believes, that he hath laid out more of his Money, in Rebuilding or Repairing Churches, than most of the Clergy of the Dioceses of Downe and Connor have done these last 30 Years; and expended many Thousand Pounds, in asserting the Rights of the Church: And to the rest of the said Articles, denyeth the same to be true,

Ad Primum Articulum; *Formal Part invited.*

I. JOhannes Fitz-Symons *de* Killcleife, *Gen. Ad primum Articulum deponit & dicit.* That Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, has lived in *Lisburne* for these Ten Years past, (excepting the late Troublesome Times) to this Deponents Knowledge: And that he has not Resided upon the Parish of *Killcleife* (which is part of the Archdeaconry of *Downe*) these Sixteen or Seventeen Years; nor hath there been any Ministerial Acts done by him, the said *Matthews*, except once, about the Year 1686. that he Read the First Service, and no more, or by any other for him, until the Year 1697. and then Mr. *Buckley* Preached once a Fortnight, in the said Parish of *Killcleife*, for the space of a Year and half, or thereabouts: And this Deponent knows the said Parish of *Killcleife*, to be worth to the said *Matthews* 100 *l. per Ann.* *Et alterius ad hunc Articul. nescit deponere.*

II. Arthurus Maxwell *de* Drumbeg, *Arm. Ad primum Articulum deponit & dicit.* That *Drumbeg* and *Drumbo*, Parishes with Cures, Possessed by Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, have not had any Resident Minister in them for these Seventeen Years past. Nor has he, the said Archdeacon *Matthews*, Resided in either of them, for the time aforesaid. And that in the Parish of *Drumbo*, which is worth 120 *l. per Ann.* where some part of this Deponent's Estate lies, there has not been any Ministerial Office performed, as this Deponent knows, or ever heard of, for these Seventeen Years last past. And the Cure of *Drumbeg* has not been constantly and duely served till of late: And that he, the said Archdeacon *Matthews*, has Dwelt these Seventeen Years, for the most part, in the Town of *Lisburne*. *Et alterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

III. Johannes Johnston *de* Mallone, *Gen. Ad primum Articulum deponit & dicit.* That the Parishes of *Drumbo*, *Drumbeg* and *Crudlin*, are in the Possession of Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, and that in the Parish of *Drumbo*, the said Archdeacon, nor any Curate, have Resided for this Twenty Years. Nor has he, this Deponent, ever heard, or knew of any Ministerial Act performed in the said Parish, for the time aforesaid: And that neither the said Archdeacon, nor any Curate, hath Resided in the Parish of *Drumbeg*. *Et alterius nescit deponere.*

IV. Georgius Lodell, *Jun. Clericus. Ad primum Articulum deponit & dicit.* That Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, Possesses and Enjoys the

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Livings in the First Article, mentioned as this Deponent verily believes; and that he has lived in the Town of *Lisburne* these Ten or Twelve Years (except in the late Troublesome Times in this Kingdom; and that the Parish of *Killcleife* has not been duly Served, as this Deponent has learned by his living near the said Parish: And that there has been no constant Resident Curate in the said Parish, when this Deponent lived near it, which was about half a Year before the Troubles. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

V. Jacobus Majore, *Clericus.* *Ad primum Articulum deponit & dicit.* That he knows, that the Parish of *Killcleife*, does belong to Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, as a part of the Archdeaconry of *Downe*; and is worth 100 *l. per Ann.* And that the said Archdeacon, nor no Curate appointed by him, have Resided in the said Parish of *Killcleife* these Thirteen or Fourteen Years. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

VI. David Maxwell, *Clericus.* *Ad primum Articulum deponit & dicit.* That *Drumbo*, *Drumbeg*, *Crumlin*, and *Killclaife*, are Cures, for which Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* has been accountable at several Visitations; And to the best of this Deponents Observation, the said Archdeacon never Resided on the said Cures, since he was Archdeacon of *Downe*; but has Lived for the most part, either in *Lisburne* or *Dublin*, (except the late Troublesome Times) *Et ulterius*, &c.

VII. Jacobus Silleock, *de* Drumbeg *Firmarius.* *Ad primum Articulum.* That the Parish of *Drumbeg*, is Enjoyed by Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*; And that the said Archdeacon hath not Resided in the said Parish, these Eleven or Twelve Years. *Et ulterius, nescit deponere.*

VIII. Hevan Copper *de* Mallone, *Firmarius*, *Ad primum Articulum deponit*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, has not Resided in the Parish of *Drumbeg* these Twenty Years. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

IX. Hans Mc Gomery *de* Greayabby, *Clericus*, *Ad primum Articulum.* That he this Deponent believes, that the Parish of *Killcleife*, belongs to Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*: And this Deponent knows, that the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, has not Resided in the Parish of *Killcleife*, aforesaid, these Ten Years. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

X. Philippus Matthews, *Archidiaconus Connorensis*, *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That since this Deponents coming into the Dioceses of *Downe* and *Connor*, in the Year 1680. He knows *Lemuel Matthews*, to

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have enjoyed *Drumbo*, *Drumbeg*, *Crumlin* and *Killeleife*, in Right of the Archdeaconry of *Downe*, and the Parishes in the fifth Article mentioned, as belonging to the Prebendary of *Carnecastle*. And that he, the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, has not been Resident upon any of the said Parishes, for the time aforesaid, to the best of this Deponents knowledge; but has lived in the Town of *Lisburne*, about Two Miles off the Corps of the Archdeaconry of *Downe*, Viz. *Drumbo*. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

XI. Johannes Mc Neal, *Decanus Dunen.* *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That he believes, the several Parishes in the Article mentioned, to be Parts and Members of the Archdeaconry of *Downe*, and the Prebendary of *Carnecastle*, as in the Article is set forth. That *Lemuel Matthews* has enjoyed the same for several Years, as part of the said Dignities, except *Drumbeg*; which Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* was in Suit for. That the said Archdeaconry and Prebendary are reputed to be worth about 300 *l. per Annum* each. That he never knew Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* to be Resident upon any of them, since he was Dean of *Downe*; which is about Ten Years: But for the most part Living in *Lisburne*; though he has been often Admonished by this Deponent, (when Commissioned by the Bishop of *Downe* and *Connor*, to Visit in his Absence) to Reside Personally, either upon his Archdeaconry or Prebendary. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

N. B. *These Admonitions proved by the Visitation Book.*

XII. Robertus Donnell *de* Ballimneagh, *Armig.* *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That he knows that Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, has enjoyed the Prebendary of *Carnecastle* with its Appendices, as in the Article is set forth, for these Fifteen Years, except the Time of the Troubles. And that he believes, he hath enjoyed the Archdeaconry of *Downe*, with all its Appendices, Fifteen or Sixteen Years, except the Time of the Troubles. And that he this Deponent knows, that the said *Lemuel Matthews*, never Resided, for the time aforesaid, upon any of the Cures of the said Prebendary, or the said Archdeaconry; but has Lived for the most part of the time, aforesaid in *Lisburne*. *Et ulterius nescit*, &c.

XIII. Johannes Windor, *Clericus.* *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That he has lived in the Diocess of *Downe* near thirteen Years, and knows that in all that time Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, never Resided upon the Archdeaconry of *Downe*, or Prebendary of *Carnecastle*;

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of any Members of them, but has lived in *Lisburne*, for the most part of the time aforesaid. *Et ulterius nescit, &c.*

XIV. Randal Brice *de* Lisburne, *Armiger. Ad primum Articulum, &c.* That he knows Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, to have Enjoy'd the Archdeaconry of *Downe*, and Prebendary of *Carncastle*, with the Members thereof, for these Fourteen or Fifteen Years. And that he, the said *Matthews*, has lived in the Town of *Lisburne*, for the most part of that time. *Et ulterius ad hunc articulum nescit deponere.*

XV. Franciscus Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gener. Ad primum Articulum, &c.* That Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, has Enjoy'd the Archdeaconry of *Downe* these Seven Years, to this Deponent's Knowledge, and also, as he believes, the Prebendary of *Carncastle*, as in the Article is set forth. And that the said *Lemuel Matthews*, has not Resided upon any of the Parishes of the said Prebendary or Archdeaconry, for the time aforesaid; but lived for the most part thereof, in the Town of *Lisburne*, which said Prebendary and Archdeaconry are reputed to be worth 600*l. per ann.* *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

Second ARTICLE *against Archdeacon* LEMUEL MATTHEWS.

Item tibi objicimus & Articulamur, That in the said several Rectories or Parishes aforesaid, in the said respective Dioceses, there are no Vicars endowed; and that the sole Care and Cure of the said several Parishes is by Law Incumbent upon you. And that the several Cures of the said respective Parishes have been so much Neglected by you, since you became Incumbent thereof, that for want of the personal Residence of you, or a sufficient Curate in each of them, as by Law is required, and by the Neglect of performing all Ministerial Offices therein, for all or the much greater part of your said Incumbency, many of the Inhabitants and Parishioners of the said several Parishes, or at least of some of them, have Forsaken the Communion of the Church of *Ireland*, Establish'd by Law. And some of them have gone to Mass, and others to Presbyterian Meetings, whether they do now continue to Resort for want of an able or sufficient

ent Resident Incumbent, or Curate; and of having Divine Offices duly performed amongst them: And some of them being asked, Why they do resort to Mass, or Meetings? For Answer say, Since they can have no Divine Service, or Offices performed in our Church, they are resolved to Serve God, one way or other. *Et objicimus & articulamur ut supra & probare intendimus.*

ANSWER to the Second ARTICLE.

TO the Second Article, this Respondent confesseth, That no Vicarages are now Endowed in the several Rectories belonging to this Respondent's said Prebendary, or Archdeaconry: But denieth, that the sole Care and Cure of the several Rectories, is by Law incumbent on this Respondent; especially where the said Rectories have no standing Churches; and this Respondent denieth the rest of the said Article to be true.

I. JOhannes Fitz-Symons *ad secundum Articulum deponit & dicit.* That by reason of the Neglect of the said *Matthews*, in the Serving the said Cure of *Killeleise*, by himself, or an able Curate, several Persons, who have been constant Frequenters of the Church, have Deserted it; and some are gone to Mass; particularly, *Henry Leck*, whose Children do now all go to Mass; and *Daniel Carmel*'s Children, who are also gone to Mass; *John Carghill*, who is also gone to Mass, and some to the Presbyterian Meetings; particularly, *James Armar*, whom this Deponent has often seen at Church; and whose Children have been Christned, according to the Rites of the Church of *Ireland*; who have all Deserted the Church, for want of a Resident Minister, in the said Parish of *Killeleise*. And this Deponent having asked the said *Henry Leck*, Why he went to Mass? He told this Deponent, because they had no Minister, and he would Serve God one way or other. And this Deponent has told the said *Matthews*, that several of the People of the said Parish were Deserting the Church; notwithstanding which, the said *Matthews* took no care to Supply the said Cure. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

II. Arthurus Maxwell *de* Drumbeg *Armig. Ad secundum Articulum*, &c. That the Vicarial Tythes of the Parish of *Drumbeg*, are possessed by the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*: And that both the Great and Small Tythes of the Parish of *Drumbo*, are possessed by the

ſaid *Matthews*; and that the Cures of the ſaid Pariſhes, are Incumbent upon the ſaid *Matthews*. *Et ulterius neſcit*, &c.

III. Jacobus Majote, *Clericus*. *Ad ſecundum Articulum*, &c. That the Cure of the ſaid Pariſh of *Killcleiſe*, is Incumbent upon the ſaid Archdeacon *Matthews*; and that Mr. *Buckhurſt* performed Divine Service every other *Sunday* in the Pariſh of *Killcleiſe*, for about a Year and a Half, but never Reſided in the ſaid Pariſh. This Deponent further ſaith, That Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, aforeſaid, deſired this Deponent in *November* laſt, to Read Evening Prayer every other *Sunday*, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Killcleiſe*; which this Deponent would have done, but the Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh of *Killcleiſe* would not be content with Service in the Afternoon, unleſs they had Divine Service alſo performed in the Forenoon. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere*.

IV. David Maxwell, *Clericus*. *Ad ſecundum Articulum*, &c. That he, this Deponent, never heard, or knew, nor does he believe, that there were any conſtant Reſident Curates in the Pariſhes of *Drumbo*, *Drumbeg*, or *Killcleiſe*, ſince Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* was Archdeacon of *Downe*; But that theſe Cures, were very much neglected: And that it is commonly Famed and Reported, that many Perſons in the Pariſh of *Killcleiſe* are gone to Maſs, and Others to Meetings, by reaſon of the Neglect of the ſaid Cure. That this Deponent, has often had the Neglect of the ſaid Cures objected to him, as an Argument againſt the Clergy, by many of the Presbyterians. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere*.

V. Jacobus Sillcock *de* Drumbeg, *Firmarius*. *Ad ſecundum Articulum*. That there has been no Reſident Curate, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Drumbeg*, for theſe Eleven or Twelve Years paſt. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere*.

VI. Hevan Capper *de* Mallone, *Firmarius*. *Ad ſecundum Articulum*. That there has been no Reſident Curate, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Drumbeg*, theſe Twenty Years, that this Deponent knows of: And that the Cure of the ſaid Pariſh, has been much neglected; And by reaſon of ſuch Negligence, many of the Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh, have gone to the Presbyterian Meetings; and Others to Maſs; and particularly, *William Croan*, who now goes to the Presbyterian Meetings: And *Richard Croan*, who when he was in the ſaid Pariſh of *Drumbeg*, (becauſe Divine Service was not duely perform'd in the ſaid Pariſh) reſorted to Presbyterian Meetings; but now having Removed to a Pariſh, where (as this Deponent has been told) Divine Service

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is well and duely performed, he, the ſaid *Richard Crean*, does now go to Church. This Deponent further ſaith, that he, and ſeveral other of the Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh, have gone to the ſaid Church of *Drumbeg*, on ſeveral *Sundays*, in expectation of Divine Service, and Sermon, but were diſappointed. And this Deponent further ſaith, that he hath not heard any Catechiſing in the ſaid Pariſh, theſe Twenty Years, but verily believes, that Catechiſing has been wholly neglected in the ſaid Pariſh for the time aforeſaid. And this Deponent further ſaith, he has lived near, and in the ſaid Pariſh of *Drumbeg*, for theſe Twenty Years. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

VII. Hans Mc Gomery *de* Greayabby, *Clericus*. *Ad ſecundum Articulum*, &c. That there has been no Curate in the ſaid Pariſh of *Killcleife* for Ten Years paſt, except one Mr. *Buckhurſt*, who ſerved the ſaid Cure for about a Year and Half, as this Deponent believes: But whether the ſaid *Buckhurſt* reſided in the ſaid Pariſh, or not, this Deponent cannot tell. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

VIII. Philippus Matthews, *Archidiaconus* Connorenſis. *Ad ſecundum Articulum*, &c. That he, this Deponent, knows, that the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews*, has had a Reſident Curate at *Crumlin*, who likewiſe ſerved the Cure of *Drumbeg* once a Fortnight, as Mr. *France* informed this Deponent. And that the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews*, while he was at *Liſburne*, did Preach either at *Hillsborrough* or *Drumbeg* every Lord's Day, as this Deponent has been credibly informed: And verily believes, that there has been no Reſident Curate at *Drumbo*, but that the Cure thereof was ſerved at *Drumbeg* as aforeſaid. That the Cure of *Killcleife* has been ſerved by Mr. *Buckhurſt* for a Year and Half, ending about *All-Saints* laſt; but knows not how it was ſerved, either before or ſince. That Mr. *Rice Matthews* ſerved the Cures of *Carncaſtle* and *Killoghter* at *Carncaſtle*, until about *Auguſt* 1691, as the ſaid *Rice Matthews* informed this Deponent. And this Deponent knows, that *John Euklin*, and *Dowgal Jameſon*, have been Curates there ſince that time. He knows not, nor has not heard of any Perſons, that have Deſerted the Church of *England* in the ſaid Pariſhes, that have gone to Meetings for want of the perſonal Reſidence of a Curate. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

IX. Johannes Mc Neal, *Decanus* Dunen. *Ad ſecundum Articulum*, &c. That he knows of no Vicaruges Endowed, either on the ſaid Archdeaconry or Prebendary: And that the ſole Cure of the ſaid Pariſh, is ſolely Incumbent upon the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews*: And that he

has heard, that for want of a Reſident Curate at *Hillsborrough*, ſeveral Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh, went to the Presbyterian Meetings and at length, invited a Presbyterian Miniſter to come among them. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

X. Robertus Donnell *de* Ballmeneagh, *Armig. Ad ſecundum Articulum*, &c. That there are no Vicarages Endowed, or at leaſt Allowed by the ſaid *Matthews* to be ſo, in the ſaid Prebendary of *Carncaſtle*; but that the Cures of the Pariſhes of the ſaid Prebendary of *Carncaſtle*, is Incumbent upon the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews* to Diſcharge. That the Cures of *Carncaſtle*, *Killoghter*, *Ballycorr*, and *Ruſhee*, were often times neglected, and the Cures not duely ſupplyed; there being only one Curate, *viz.* Mr. *Rice Matthews* to ſupply the ſaid four Pariſhes for Five or Six Years together, to the beſt of this Deponents Remembrance. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

XI. Johannes Winder, *Clericus. Ad ſecundum Articulum*, &c. That he knows not, nor never heard of any Vicarages Endow'd in the ſaid Archdeaconry of *Downe*, or Prebendary of *Carncaſtle*; but the Cures of the Pariſhes, in the ſaid Archdeaconry and Prebendary, are Incumbent on the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* to Diſcharge: And that the Cures of *Ballycorr* and *Ruſhee*, have been only ſerved every ſecond *Sunday* at the moſt: And that he knows not of any Curate that has reſided in either of the ſaid Pariſhes. *Et ulterius neſcit*, &c.

XII. Franciſcus Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gener. Al ſecundum Articulum*, &c. That there are no Vicarages Endowed in the ſaid Archdeaconry of *Downe*, but the Cures of the Pariſhes thereof are Incumbent on the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews* to Diſcharge. That there has been no Reſident Curate in *Killcleife*, or *Drumbo* theſe Seven Years paſt: And that there is no Reſident Curate at *Drumbeg*, but the Cure thereof is ſerved by the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews*, or others. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

Third Article againſt Archdeacon Lemuel Matthews.

Item tibi objicimus & Articulamur, That ſuch Curates as you do imploy in any, or at leaſt, ſome of the ſaid Pariſhes, in the ſaid reſpective Dioceſſes, are not fitly Qualified for the Diſcharge of their Duty and Service thereof; or have not competent Allowances made

made them for ſerving the ſaid Cures: Or, if ſuch Allowances be promiſed, the ſame are not duely paid them, as they ought to be: So that ſome, or at leaſt one of your Curates have deſerted and left your Cures, for want of due Payments of the Sallaries promiſed them by you: And that the Duty of Catechiſing is wholly neglected and omitted, in the ſeveral Cures of the ſaid reſpective Pariſhes; which by the Cannons of the Church is enjoyned to be performed: And in one or more of the ſaid Pariſhes, there are one or more Presbyterian Miniſters ſettled, where there was none before. And that on Chriſtmas-Day laſt, ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſhes, or at leaſt one of them, met together, expecting Divine Service to be performed and adminiſtred by you, or one of your Curates, but were altogether fruſtrated and diſappointed of their Expectation therein, as at ſundry other times they have frequently been. *Et objicimus & Articulamur ut ſupra & probare intendimus.*

Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* ANSWER to the Third ARTICLE.

TO the Third Article, this Reſpondent confeſſeth, That Catechiſing hath been generally omitted in all the Country Churches belonging to the ſaid Archdeaconry and Prebendary, the Inhabitants refuſing to return in Afternoons, from their diſtant Dwellings, to the ſaid Churches; and ſaith, that this Reſpondent knoweth of no Presbyterian Miniſter, ſettled in this Reſpondent's Pariſhes, where there was none before. And that on the 20th Day of March, 1691. *Mr.* William Ambroſe, *a Presbyterian Miniſter, having Preached in* Hillsborrough, *this Reſpondent procured a Certificate thereof to two Juſtices of the Peace, and a Warrant thereupon, according to the Statute, to commit him to Goal: And that upon Application thereof, made to the Government, this Reſpondent was commanded to forbear Proſecution, againſt the ſaid* Ambroſe, *or other Presbyterian Preachers. Yet this Reſpondent believeth, that neither the ſaid* Ambroſe, *or any ſuch Miniſters, have Settled there; or if he, or they have, 'tis not this Reſpondents fault. Nor if any Curate ſhould neglect the adminiſtration of the Sacraments in their Pariſh Churches, or other Miniſterial Offices, without Notice thereof given to this Reſpondent, or his Neighbouring Miniſter; and to the reſt of the ſaid Article, denyeth the ſame to be true.*

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DEPOSITIONS to the Third ARTICLE.

I. RIce Matthews, *Clericus. Ad tertium Articulum deponit & dicit*, That he, this Deponent, agreed with Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, to ſerve the Cures of *Carncaſtle*, *Killoghter*, *Ballycorr*, and *Ruſhee*, for 20 *l. per Annum*. which ſaid Sallary of 20 *l. per Annum*, being not well and truly paid, this Deponent was forced to Leave and Deſert the ſaid Cures of *Carncaſtle*, *Killoghter*, *Ballycorr*, and *Ruſhee*; which ſaid Cures were ſerved at the Churches of *Ballycor* and *Carncaſtle*, which are Six Miles diſtant; which ſaid Cures were worth 200 *l. per Ann.* to the ſaid Archdeacon *Matthews*; which ſaid Cures, this Deponent ſerved Six Years and Three Quarters, from *December* 1684. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

II. Johannes Fitz-Symons *de* Killcleiſe, *Gener. Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That Mr. *Buckhurſt* told this Deponent, that it was for want of his Sallary, he left the ſaid Cure of *Killcleiſe*: And the ſaid *Buckhurſt*, meeting this Deponent in *Dublin*, in *November* laſt, this Deponent asked him, whether he would return to the Cure of *Killcleiſe?* To which the ſaid *Buckhurſt* replied, that he would never, becauſe he could not get his Sallary. And this Deponent, asked him the ſaid *Buckhurſt*, why he could not get a Sequeſtration upon the Livings of the ſaid *Matthews*? And he the ſaid *Buckhurſt* replied, What! wou'd you have me go to Law with the Archdeacon! meaning the ſaid *Matthews*. This Deponent further ſaith, that many Perſons of the ſaid Pariſh of *Killcleiſe*, and ſome other Perſons of the Neighbouring Pariſhes, met on *Chriſtmas*-Day laſt, in hopes of a Sacrament, but were diſappointed; and alſo the Pariſhioners of *Killcleiſe* aforeſaid, met on the *Sunday* following, in Expectation of Divine Service, but were likewiſe Diſappointed; and ſome of them ſaid, that they wou'd come there no more to be Diſappointed. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

III. Arthurus Maxwell *de* Drumbeg, *Armig. Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That this Deponent never knew, nor heard of any Catechiſing in the ſaid Pariſh of *Drumbeg* for theſe Seventeen Years; though this Deponent has lived moſt part of the ſaid time, in the ſaid Pariſh; nor any Evening Prayer, that this Deponent knows, or hath heard of. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

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IV. Johannes Johnston *de* Mallone *Generosus*. *Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That he never knew, or heard of any Catechising in the Parish of *Drumboe* or *Drumbeg*. *Et ulterius nescit deponere*.

V. Georgius Lovell, *Jun. Clericus*. *Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That one Mr. *Gordon*, was reputed Curate to Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, for the Parish of *Killeleise*; but the said *Gordon* never Resided in the said Parish; nor was the said *Gordon*, in this Deponent's Judgment, a competent Person to serve the said Cure: And as for Catechising in the said Parish of *Killeleise*, this Deponent believes, that it was totally neglected. *Et ulterius nescit deponere*.

VI. Jacobus Majore, *Clericus*. *Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That there was no Sacrament administred on *Christmas*-Day last; but whether the Parishioners expected one or not, this Deponent knoweth not. *Et ulterius nescit deponere*.

VII. Johannes Mc Quairnes. *Ad tertium Articulum deponit & dicit*. That he, this Deponent, became Curate of *Derrykigan*, about *Christmas* was two Years; and agreed with Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* for 30 *l. per Ann.* and the Gleab, for serving the said Cure: But the said Archdeacon *Matthews*, in paying this Deponent's Sallary, due at *Christmas* was Twelve Months, stop'd Three Pounds out of this Deponent's said Sallary for the Gleab, notwithstanding the said Agreement; and the said Parish is reputed worth about 120 *l. per Ann.* *Et ulterius nescit deponere*.

VIII. Johannes Buckhurst, *Clericus*. *Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That this Deponent was sent by the Bishop of *Kildare* from *Dublin*, to Serve Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*'s Cure of *Killeleise*; the said Archdeacon *Matthews* having desired the Bishop to provide him a Curate, to Serve the said Cure, as the said Bishop informed this Deponent. That this Deponent came to *Strangford* about the 11th of *April*, 1692. And immediately after his coming there, sent an Express to the said Archdeacon, intimating thereby, that he, this Deponent, was come down by the Bishop of *Kildare*'s Directions, to Serve the said Cure of *Killeleise*: That this Deponent stay'd at *Strangford* on Cost and Charges, and Preached once at *Killeleise*, and once at *Ballyculter*, by the said Archdeacon's Desire, before he got his Letters of Curacy; for which time, being a Month, he had no Allowance. This Deponent further saith, that he agreed with Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, to Serve the Cures of *Killeleise* and *Dunsforth* for 30 *l. per Ann.* which Cures were Served by this Deponent for a Year and Half; and the

Sallary

Sallary was paid thus: At this Deponent's first entring upon the Cure, FiveGuineas; at *October* following, Five Guineas more: But this Deponent having by mistake in a Letter, owned Eleven Guineas received, instead of Ten, the said Archdeacon, forced this Deponent to make good his Letter, and to own the Receipt of Eleven Guineas; though he this Deponent received but Ten, at the said Two Payments. This Deponent further saith, That he received from one Mr. *Meagher*, on the said Archdeacon's Account, in *July* 1692. One Guinea; from the same Mr. *Meagher*, some time after Two Guineas; and some little time after Forty Shillings more: About *March* last, by assignment from the said *Meagher*, to this Deponent's Landlady, Two Pound Nine Shillings and Eleven Pence, or thereabouts. This Deponent likewise borrowed of Mr. *Meagher*, in Summer last, Five Pound, of which he has repaid a Guinea; his Bond now lies for the Money, but he hopes the said Archdeacon will allow it; and from Mr. *Majore* Five Pound, about *All-Saints* last; at which time, this Deponent was in great want of Money, and wrote many pressing Letters to the said Archdeacon, for payment of his Sallary; but receiving no Answer to his said Letters, he this Deponent Wrote to the Bishop of *Downe* and *Connor*, that he must leave the said Cures of *Killcleife*, and *Dunsfort*, for want of better Payment; and thereupon did leave them: After which, the said Archdeacon paid this Deponent's Wife Ten pound, which with Three pound Six shillings allowed for two Letters of Curacy, two Certificates, and License to Preach, and Fifteen shillings for Exhibits at Visitations, and Ten shillings for a License for Marriage, and Four shillings and Nine pence about Three Weeks ago, is all that this Deponent hath received; which ill Payment, forced this Deponent to leave the said Cure. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

Note, *These Fees were to the Arch Deacons own use as Vicar general.*

IX. David Maxwell, *Clericus. Ad tertium Articulum deponit & dicit.* That at several Visitations, this Deponent hath heard *David Gordon* called, as Curate of *Killcleife*; but *David Gordon* denied that he was Curate thereof; often alleadging, that the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* promised him Forty Shillings *per Ann.* for the Serving of the said Cure; but the said Archdeacon never paid it him, the said *Gordon*. This Deponent further saith, that there is a Presbyterian Meeting-House, Built either in the Church-yard, or the place where the Church of *Drumbo* stood, or so near, that it would Disturb the Divine Service, if performed in the Walls of the said Church of *Drumbo*, were it

up:

up: And the ſaid Archdeacon *Matthews*, is ſo little Concerned at the Matter, that he calls Mr. *Leviſon*, (Presbyterian Miniſter there) Curate. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

X. Hans Mc Gomery *de* Greayabby, *Clericus*. *Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent, never heard of the Duty of Catechiſing being performed by the ſaid Archdeacon *Matthews*, or his Curate; but verily believes, that the ſaid Duty of Catechiſing, was wholely neglected by the ſaid *Matthews*, and his Curate, in the ſaid Pariſh. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

XI. Phillippus Matthews, *Archidiacanus* Connoren. *Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That the Curates that are in the ſaid Pariſhes, are Sufficient, well Qualified Perſons: And that the Curates now there, have competent Allowances of about 30*l.* a piece, as this Deponent believes, and are well paid. That he has heard of no Curate Deſerting the ſaid Cures, for want of their Sallary, ſave only Mr. *Buckhurſt*, who affirmed, That that was the reaſon of his leaving the Cure of *Killcleife*; though he believes he had no reaſon to ſay ſo. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

XII. Johannes Mc. Neal, *Decanus* Dunen. *Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That Three of the Five Pariſhes of *Carncaſtle*, were Served by One Curate, *viz.* *Rice Matthews*, for about Six or Seven Years, to the beſt of this Deponent's Remembrance, who was not fitly Qualified for the Diſcharge of them. That the Pariſhes of *Hillsborrough*, *Drumbo* and *Drumbeg*, were Served by Mr. *France*; only the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews*, ſometimes when he was at Home, would Aſſiſt in ſerving the ſaid Cures of *Drumbeg* or *Hillsborrough*. That the Cure of the Pariſh of *Killcleife*, was for about Ten Years together, without any Curate; ſo that ſeveral of the Pariſhioners were compelled to go to Maſs, and Presbyterian Meetings. And this Deponent further ſaith, that in the Year 1684. or thereabouts, this Deponent being Commiſſionated by the Biſhop of *Downe* and *Conner* to Viſit his Dioceſſes, and this Deponent making ſtrict Enquiry into the Serving of the Cures of the ſaid Dioceſſes, he found upon Enquiry, one *David Gordon*, who then Served the Cure of *Ballyculter*, Hired by the ſame *Lemuel Matthews* for Forty Shillings *per Annum* to appear at the Viſitations, as Curate of *Killcleife*. And this Deponent believes, that the Curates had not competent Allowances; nor were they well Paid what was promiſed them. That he does not know, that ever the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews* Catechiſed any of his Pariſhioners in his Life: That there is

a Presbyterian Minister in *Hillsborrough*, as this Deponent hath been credibly informed, where there was none before: And that he has heard some of the Parishioners of *Killcleife* say, That about *Christmas* last, they came to Church, expecting Service and Sacrament, but were disappointed. *Et alterius nescit deponere.*

XIII. Robertus Donnell *de* Ballmeneagh, *Armig. Ad tertium articulum*, &c. That some of the Curates employed by the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, to Serve the Cures of the said Prebendary of *Carncastle*, were Persons not Qualified fitly for to Serve the said Cures; and particularly Mr. *Granger*, Mr. *Cameran*, and Mr. *Rice Matthews*, who were reputed to be Men of ill Lives and Conversation: That he has heard the aforesaid Persons often complain for want of their Sallaries; and that he this Deponent, never heard or knew of Catechising being performed in the said Parishes, but believes it was wholly neglected therein. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

XIV. Randall Brice *de* Lisburne, *Arm. Ad tertium articulum*, &c. That this Deponent hath heard but ordinary Character of some of the said *Lemuel Matthews*'s Curates; particularly, one *Cameran*, who was reputed his Curate. That he believes the Duty of Catechising is neglected generally in the said *Matthews*'s Parishes. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

XV. Franciscus Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gener. Ad tertium articulum*, &c. That he hath heard some of the said *Lemuel Matthews*'s Curates complain, That there Sallaries were not sufficient, nor well paid them; and particularly Mr. *France* and Mr. *Buckhurst*. And this Deponent hath heard, and does verily believe, that the said *Buckhurst* left the Cure of *Killcleife*, because his Sallary was not well paid him. And he, this Deponent, hath heard Mr. *Gordon* say, that he Served the Cure of the said Parish of *Killcleife* sometimes; for which, Mrs. *Mary Matthews* promised him 40 *s. per annum*, which was not well paid him. He, this Deponent, does not know, or ever heard that there was any Catechising in any of the said *Matthews*'s Parishes; but believes it was wholly neglected in them. He, this Deponent, hath heard, that one Mr. *Ramsey*, a Presbyterian Minister, is placed in the Parish of *Hillsborrough*: And that this Deponent never heard of one being there before. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

The Fourth ARTICLE *againſt the ſaid Archdeacon* LEMUEL MATTHEWS.

ITem *tibi objicimus & Articulamur*. That in One, or more, of your ſaid Pariſhes, for many Years laſt paſt, or at leaſt, ſince *All-Saints* laſt, there has been no care taken, either to Viſit the Sick, or Chriſten, or Bury the Dead, by you, or any of your Curates; ſo that had not ſome of your neighbouring Miniſters, at the earneſt Deſire and Importunity of the Perſons concerned, been prevailed upon to Chriſten or Baptize ſeveral Children, and Bury the Dead, of ſome of your ſaid Pariſhes, ſeveral of the Children of the ſaid Pariſhes, might have Died Unbaptized; and many of the Dead, might have been Buried without the Office of the Dead. And that in one of your ſaid Pariſhes, where no perſon was Reſident to Serve the Cure, and you were there looking after your Tythes, you were deſired to Viſit a Perſon that was Sick, and Pray with Her in Her Family, where there were Twelve Proteſtants, but you delayed, and refuſed to do it. *Et objicimus & Articulamur ut ſupra.*

Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthew's* ANSWER to the Fourth *ARTICLE.*

TO *the Fourth Article this Reſpondent ſaith, that Mr.* John Buckhurſt *the Curate of the Pariſh of* Killcleiſe, *for his own Private Affairs went to* Dublin, *in or about* November *laſt, and as ſoon as this Reſpondent had Notice thereof, this Reſpondent wrote to Mr.* James Majore, *who Reſided about Two Miles from the Ruinous Church of* Killcleiſe, *to attend the Cure of the ſaid Pariſh, until the ſaid* Buckhurſt's *return, or until this Reſpondent could provide another Curate; but the ſaid* Majore *received this Reſpondents Letter, and promiſed to comply to this Reſpondents Requeſt, and hath ſince aſſured this Reſpondent, that he was ready in attending, and had diligently Served the ſaid Cure, but did not Adminiſter the Sacrament to the Pariſhioners of* Killcleiſe *at* Chriſtmas *laſt, becauſe he did not expect it from them, who having nothing but the Ruins of a Church in the ſaid Pariſh, the few Conformiſts have uſed to receive*

the Sacrament at Ballyculter, *their Neighbouring Church, about Two Miles diſtant from* Killcleiſe: *And this Reſpondent further ſaith, that none of the Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh of* Killcleiſe, *have complained to this Reſpondent of the ſaid* Buckhurſt's *Abſence, or the ſaid* Majore's *Neglect. And to the reſt of the ſaid Article, this Reſpondent deny eth the ſame to be True.*

DEPOSITIONS to the Fourth Article, againſt the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews.*

I. JOhannes Fitz-Symons *de* Killcleiſe, *Gen. Ad quartum Articulum deponit & dicit.* That ſince *All-Saints* laſt, there has been no Care taken either to Viſit the Sick, or Bury the Dead, or Chriſten, by the ſaid Archdeacon *Matthews*, or any Curate; but ſome of the Neighbouring Miniſters, at the Deſire of this Deponent, have often Performed the ſaid Offices, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Killcleiſe*: And this Deponent further ſaith, that the ſaid *Matthews* being in the ſaid Pariſh of *Killcleiſe* in the Yea 1688, about Selling his Tythes, he this Deponent, asked the ſaid *Matthews* to come and Read Prayers in his Mothers Family, ſhe being then Sick; where there were Twelve Perſons to join with him in Prayers: To which the ſaid Archdeacon *Matthews* replyed, that he was then Buſie, and in Haſte, and that he wou'd come another time, but never did. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

II. Arthurus Maxwell *de* Drumbeg, *Armig. Ad quartum Articulum deponit & dicit, quod refert ſe ad Depoſitionem primo Articulo, & ulterius neſcit deponere.*

III. Johannes Johnſton *de* Mallone, *Gen. Ad quartum deponit & dicit, quod refert ſe Depoſitione ſine primo Articulo, & ulterius neſcit deponere ad hunc Articulum.*

IV. Robertus Quaile *Clericus. Ad quartum Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent got Letters of Curacy to ſerve the Cure of *Killcleiſe*, the 19th Day of *February* laſt; but was not at *Killcleiſe* ſince he got the Letters of Curacy, to ſerve the ſaid Cure; but his Letters of Curacy are not entered with the Regiſter. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

V. Hans Mc. Gomery *de* Greayabby *Clericus. Ad quartum Articulum*, &c. That he never heard that the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, or his Curate, took any care to Viſit the Sick, to Baptiſe the Infants, or Bury the Dead of the ſaid Pariſh of *Killcleiſe*; and that

that he this Deponent has often heard Complaints of Neglects in those particulars in the said Parish, by the Parishioners thereof; and that he has heard, that he the said *Matthews* neglected to Visit Mrs. *Fitz-Symons* in the time of her Sickness, tho sent for by her. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

VI. Phillippus Matthews *Archidiaconus Connorensis*.... *Ad quartum Articulum*, &c. That he neither knows nor has heard any thing of the particulars in the Fourth Article; save only since the beginning of the Regal Visitation. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

VII. Johannes Mc. Neal *Decanus Dunensis*. *Ad quartum Articulum*, &c. That he has heard from Mr *John Fitz-Symons* and Mrs. *Elizabeth Fitz-Symons*, to the best of this Deponents remembrance, say, that their Mother being very Sick, he the said *John Fitz-Symons*, desired the said *Lemuel Matthews* to come and Pray by his Sick Mother, which he the said *Lemuel Matthews*, being then in the Parish of *Killcleife*, neglected to do, pretending he had not time being otherwise Imployed; and that this Deponent has been sometimes sent for, and some of his Curates, frequently to Visit the Sick, and to do other Ministerial Duties in the said Parish of *Killcleife*, they having no Curate of their own to do it. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

VIII. Franciscus Wotton *de* Lisburne *Gen.* *Ad quartum Articulum*, &c. That he believes since Mr. *Buckhurst* left the Curacy of *Killcleife*, there has been no care taken either to Visit the Sick, Christen the Infants, or Bury the Dead of the said Parish, since *All-Saints* last, except by Mr. *Quaile*, who was returned Curate of the said Parish of *Killcleife* at this Regal Visitation; and this Deponent hath been told, by many of the Parishioners of the said Parish of *Killcleife*, that some of the Neighbouring Ministers, at the desire of the Parishioners of the said Parish, have performed these Ministerial Offices in the said Parish. This Deponent further saith, that he knows Mrs. *Fitz-Symons*, one of the Chief Parishioners of the said Parish of *Killcleife*, has a considerable Family of Protestants in the said Parish; and that he this Deponent has been credibly Informed, by some of the Parishioners of the said Parish, that the said *Lemuel Matthews*, being desired to come and Pray by the said Mrs. *Fitz-Symons*, when Sick, he refused to do it, tho he was then in the said Parish, and near the said Mrs. *Fitz-Symons* House. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

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The Fifth ARTICLE *againſt the ſaid Archdeacon* LEMUEL MATTHEWS.

ITem *tibi objicimus & Articulamur*. That as there hath little or no Care been taken by you to ſerve the ſaid Cures, and every of them, by your ſelf, and ſufficient able Curates, and Aſſiſtants, as you ought to have done; ſo there has been great Endeavours and Artifices, as is generally and publickly found and reported by you, uſed to leſſen the Charge and Care of the ſaid Cures, by pretending that ſome one or more of them, which really and truly are diſtinct Pariſhes of themſelves, are but Parts or Parcels of ſome other of your ſaid Pariſhes; and ſome Practices to that effect, are publickly famed and reported to have been uſed by you, which ought not to have been done, by altering the Viſitation Books of the Dioceſſes of *Downe* to that purpoſe, and that to diſguiſe or conceal, as much as in you lies, your neglect of your ſaid Cures, you have lately placed one Mr. *Quaile* in your Cure of *Killcleife*, as Curate thereof, and ſo he his returned, thô no Entry of ſuch Licence in the Regiſters Office of the Dioceſs of *Downe*. And in other of your Cures in *Connor*, Curates are lately placed, but no Entry thereof with the Regiſter of that Dioceſs alſo; and that in ſome one or more of the ſaid Pariſhes, great Care hath been taken to have no Church-Wardens, or Pariſh Clarks, or at leaſt there have not been any Church-Wardens or Pariſh Clarks therein, during your Incumbency, or the greateſt part thereof; nor is there any at this time, in ſome one or more of your ſaid Pariſhes, where there are many Proteſtants. *Et objicimus & Articulamur*, &c.

The ANSWER of the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, to the Fifth *ARTICLE*,

TO *the Fifth Article this Reſpondent ſaith, that this Reſpondent being Viſitor, and ſpecial Commiſſioner of the Dioceſſes of* Downe *and* Connor, *conceives that he might lawfully Rectify any Books to be prepared for his Viſitation, and compare them with the former Original Viſitation Books, Regal, Primatical, or Epiſcopal, of the ſaid Dioceſs, and fill the Vacancies with the Names of Churches, or Perſons that had been neglected, and*

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ought to have been Inſerted: And the Regiſter being abſent, this Reſpondent conceives, that the Biſhop need not ſtay his Licences for Curates, until the ſaid Regiſter ſhou'd come to make Entrys of the ſame. This Reſpondent denyeth any Endeavours or Artifices made by him, in Diſguiſing or Concealing this Reſpondents Neglect, or not Inſerting any Church-Warden, or Pariſh Clark, in any of the Reſpondents Pariſhes, as is alleadged in the ſaid Article: And to the reſt thereof, this Reſpondent denyeth the ſame to be True.

DEPOSITIONS to the Fifth ARTICLE.

I. JOhannes Fitz-Symons *de* Killcleiſe, *Gener, Ad quintum articulum*, &c. That the Articulate Mr. *Quaile* never Officiated as Curate of *Killcleiſe*; but that this Deponent, met the ſaid *Quaile* the 22th of *February* laſt, who told this Deponent, that he was deſign'd to be Curate of *Killcleiſe*, but had not Agreed for the Sallary: And that if he has got Letters of Curacy, for Serving the ſaid Cure of *Killcleiſe*, he got them ſince the Regal Viſitation began. This Deponent further ſaith, that there have been no Church-Wardens, or Pariſh Clark, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Killcleiſe* ſince the ſaid *Matthews*'s Incumbency, (that he this Deponent cou'd ever learn) till the Regal Viſitation; when *James Armar*, a Diſſenter, and *Bryan McKellan*, a Papiſt, appeared as Church-Wardens, who were nominated to be ſo, as this Deponent verily believes, to conceal the Neglects of the ſaid *Matthews*, in the ſaid Cure of *Killcleiſe*; there being ſeveral conformable Perſons in the ſaid Pariſh, fit to be Church-Wardens, who would have been very zealous in diſcovering the ſaid Neglect. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

II. Arthurus Maxwell *de* Drumbeg *Armig. Ad quintum Articulum*, &c. That he knows not of any Church-Wardens that have been appointed for the Pariſh of *Drumboe*, theſe Seven or Eight Years, nor any Pariſh Clark that Officiated for theſe Sixteen or Seventeen Years. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

III. Johannes Johnſton *de* Mallone *Gent. Ad quintum Articulum*, &c. That there have been no Church-Wardens, nor Pariſh Clark, that Officiated in the Pariſh of *Drumbo* theſe Twenty Years. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

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IV. Jacobus Majore *Clericus*, *Ad quintum Articulum*, &c. That there have been no Church-Wardens Elected or Sworn in the ſaid Pariſh of *Killcleife* theſe Thirteen or Fourteen Years; but knows, that the Church-Wardens that were returned, and appeared, at the Regal Viſitation for the Dioceſs of *Downe* and *Connor*, now held, were never Elected as Church-Wardens by the Pariſhioners, there being no Veſtry called for that purpoſe; nor does he believe they were Sworn Church Wardens of the ſaid Pariſh. This Deponent further ſaith, that there is no Pariſh Clark that Officiates, or has Officiated, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Killcleife*, (that this Deponent knoweth of) for theſe Three Years paſt. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

V. Hans Mc Gomery *de* Greayabby, *Clericus*. *Ad quintum Articulum*, &c. That he has heard, that upon the Lords Juſtices Letters, ſent down to the Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor*, the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews* did place Curates in ſome of his Cures, that had been before unſupplyed: And there have been no Church-Wardens elected in the ſaid Pariſh of *Killeleife*, by him, the ſaid *Matthews*, for many Years paſt. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

VI. Philippus Matthews, *Archidiaconus* Connorenſis. *Ad quintum Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent does believe, that Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* placed Curates in his ſaid Pariſhes, without making any Entry of their Licenſes into the Regeſtry. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

VII. Johannes Mc Neal, *Decanus* Dunen. *Ad quintum Articulum*, &c. That he believes the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews* has altered the Viſitation Books, in Matters relating to his own Pariſhes; and making ſome of them that were formerly diſtinct Pariſhes, only Parts and Members of a Pariſh; and ſo returning them in the Viſitation Books, and tranſmitting them to the Government; particularly, in making *Drumbeg* and *Drumbo* as one, which formerly were diſtinct Pariſhes; and in making *Hillsborrough*, parcel of *Drumbo*, which formerly was a diſtinct Pariſh by it ſelf. That in the Pariſh of *Killeleife*, there has been no Church Wardens, nor Reſident Pariſh Clark, for many Years. And this Deponent knows, from one of the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews*'s Farmers, *Thomas Meaher*, that the Dues of the Pariſh Clark are now taken up and received by the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews*'s Farmers. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere ad hunc Articulum.*

VIII. Robertus Donnell *de* Ballmeanagh, *Armig.* *Ad quintum Articulum*, &c. That he hath heard, that Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*

thews did alter the Viſitation Books of the Dioceſs of *Downe*; and Mr. *Midleton*'s Licenſe of Curacy, for Serving the Cures of *Ballycorr*, and *Raſhee*; and Mr. *Jameſon*'s Letters of Curacy, for Serving *Carncaſtle* and *Killoghter*, are not entred in the Regiſtry of *Conner*; which ſaid Letters of Curacy, this Deponent believes, were granted by the then Biſhop of *Downe*, and *Connor*, or by Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*. This Deponent further ſaith, that he neither knows, nor believes, that there has been any Reſident Pariſh Clark in the Pariſhes of *Ballycorr*, or *Raſhee*, theſe Ten Years; neither have there been any Church-Wardens elected, in the ſaid Pariſhes, ſince the Year 1691. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

IX. Franciſcus Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gener. Ad quintum articulum*, &c. That in the Old Viſitation Books of the Dioceſs of *Downe*, the Pariſhes of the ſaid Archdeacon of *Downe* are diſtinct, *viz. Drumbo*, and *Drumbeg*, *Killcleife*, and *Crumlin*; but now in the Latter Viſitation Books, *Drumbo*, and *Drumbeg*, are inſerted, as United; and particularly, in a Viſitation Book, wherein, Archdeacon *Piddock* was returned Archdeacon of *Downe*; and *Drumbo*, as one of the Pariſhes of the ſaid Archdeaconary: And after *Drumbo*, is written, *cum Drumbeg*, in a different Hand; and as this Deponent believes, is the Hand-writing of *Lemuel Matthews*: To which ſaid Viſitation Books this Deponent, for further certainty herein, refers himſelf. And that in ſome other of the Viſitation Books of the ſaid Dioceſs of *Downe*, there are Alterations made by the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews*, as this Deponent verily believes, about the ſaid Pariſhes of *Drumbo*, and *Drumbeg*: The cauſe of this Deponent's Belief, is, for that the ſaid Alterations are made much to the Advantage of the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews*. This Deponent further ſaith, that one Mr. *Quaile* was made Curate of *Killcleife*, about two or three Days before the Regal Viſitation; and that Mr. *Quailes* Letters of Curacy are not entred in the Regiſtry of *Downe*; and ſeveral Letters of Curacy, and other Inſtruments, that have been paſſed by the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews*, are not entred in the ſaid Regiſtry of *Downe*. This Deponent does not know of any Church-Wardens or Pariſh Clark in the Pariſh of *Killcleife* for theſe ſeveral Years, until the Regal Viſitation, when two Church-Wardens were returned for the ſaid Pariſh. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

Sixth ARTICLE *againſt Archdeacon* LEMUEL MATTHEVVS.

Item tibi objicimus & Articulamur. That in further contrivance of Demininiſhing and Leſſening the Charge of providing Curates in your ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, that you have lately, (that is to ſay) within one, two, or three Years, laſt paſt, prevailed upon the Weakneſs and Infirmity of Dr. *Thomas Hacket*, the preſent Biſhop of *Downe*, by his Epiſcopal Authority, to Unite the Pariſh of *Drumbo*, to the Pariſh of *Drumbeg*, and to make them one entire Pariſh; by the name of *Drumbeg*: And that the Church of *Drumbeg*, is to be the Pariſh Church of both the ſaid Pariſhes, by the ſaid Union; which Union the ſaid Biſhop had not power to make; nor is the ſame valid in Law, or for the good of the Souls, or of the Church, but greatly to the prejudice and diſadvantage of both. *Et objicimus & Articulamur ut ſupra.*

ANSWER to the Sixth ARTICLE.

To the Sixth Article, this Reſpondent denieth, that this Reſpondent had any Contrivance in leſſening the Charge of providing Curates in this Reſpondent's ſeveral Pariſhes; or that this Reſpondent prevailed on the Weakneſs of the preſent Biſhop of Downe *and* Connor. *And this Reſpondent conceives, That the ſaid Lord Biſhop had full power to Unite the Contiguous Pariſhes of* Drumbo, *and* Drumbeg, *being for the good of Souls, and of the Church. The Pariſh Church of* Drumbo, *having been ruinous ever ſince Men can remember; and the ſaid Ruins being within a Mile of the New Church of* Drumbeg, *convenient and capable to receive the Inhabitants of both Pariſhes. To the reſt of the ſaid Article, this Reſpondent denieth the ſame to be true.*

DEPOSITIONS to the Sixth ARTICLE.

1. PHilippus Matthews, *Archidiaconus* Connoren. *Ad ſextum Articulum*, &c. That he hath ſeen an Inſtrument of Union, for Uniting the Pariſh of *Drumbo*, to the Pariſh of *Drumbeg*, under the Epiſcopal

piſcopal Seal of the preſent Lord Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor*; which bears Date ſometime in the Year 1691, to the beſt of this Deponents knowledge; but whether it was done for ſaving the charge of a Curate, this Deponent knows not. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

II. Franciſcus Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gener. Ad ſextum Articulum*, &c. That the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews* has an Inſtrument of Union, for Uniting the Pariſhes of *Drumbo*, and *Drumbeg*, under the Hand, and Epiſcopal Seal, of Dr. *Thomas Hacket*, bearing Date ſometime within theſe two Years, to the beſt of this Deponent's remembrance. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

Seventh ARTICLE againſt Archdeacon LEMUEL MATTHEVVS.

Item tibi objicimus & articulamur. That you, the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, have taken upon you, at an Ordination, pretended to be performed by your Biſhop, Dr. *Thomas Hacket*, the 24th of *September* laſt, in the Church at *Lisburne*, to preſent as Archdeacon of *Downe*, to your ſaid Biſhop, one or more Perſons, unqualified for the Holy Orders, they then Received, or pretended to Receive. And that in the Miniſtration of the ſaid Office, you Acted as Biſhop, in a great part of the ſaid Office; You reading moſt part of that Office, which is appointed by the ſaid Office, to be read by the Biſhop. *Et objicimus & Articulamur ut ſupra & probare intendimus.*

Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* ANSWER to the Seventh *ARTICLE.*

TO the Seventh Article, this Reſpondent denieth, that this Reſpondent preſented any Perſons to be Ordained by the Biſhop, whom this Reſpondent had not Examined, and believed to be Qualified for Holy Orders: Or that this Reſpondent acted in the Office of Ordination: That which (conſidering the Biſhop's Weakneſs) this Reſpondent might, and ought not to aſſiſt him in. To the reſt of the ſaid Article, this Reſpondent denieth the ſame to be true.

DEPOSITIONS to the Seventh ARTICLE.

I. PHilippus Matthews, *Archidiaconus* Connoren. *Ad ſeptimum Articulum deponit*, &c. That he has heard, That on the 14th of *September* laſt, in the Church at *Lisburne*, *Lemuel Matthews* aforeſaid, did read ſome part of the Office of Ordination; but knows not what part thereof. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

II. Johannes Mc Neal, *Decanus* Dunenſis. *Ad ſeptimum Articulum*, &c. That he was not preſent at the Ordination, in the Article ſet forth; but has heard from thoſe that were there, that a great part of the ſaid Office was performed by the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews*. *Et ulterius*, &c. *neſcit deponere.*

III. Randall Brice *de* Lisburne, *Armig.* *Ad ſeptimum Articulum*, &c. That he was preſent at the Ordination, at the time in the Article mentioned, performed by Dr. *Thomas Hackett*, then Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor*: And knows that Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* read ſome part of the ſaid Office of Ordination, which was Incumbent on the Biſhop to do; and particularly, that part of the Office, beginning, *You have heard Brethren*, &c. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

IV. Franciſcus Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gener.* *Ad ſeptimum Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent was preſent at the Ordination, in the Article mentioned; and that the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews*, read great part of the ſaid Office of Ordination; part of which, this Deponent believes, was Incumbent on the Biſhop to have read: And how the Perſons then Ordained were Qualified, this Deponent cannot tell; only that Mr. *John Gayer*, then Ordained Deacon, was in the nature of a Servant to the ſaid *Lemuel Matthews*, ſometime before he was Ordained. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

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Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*,

At the Regal VISITATION, 1693.

IMprimis, *Tibi objicimus & Articulamur*. That you the ſaid Archdeacon within One, Two, Three, Four, Five, or Six Years, laſt paſt, in the Execution of the Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction of the Dioceſs of *Downe*, being a Clergy-man, and Judge, Chancellor, Commiſſary, or Official thereof, have in the Eccleſiaſtical Courts, kept by you, in the ſaid Dioceſs, (as is generally Famed and Reported) not only been Partial, Paſſionate, and Violent; and not Indifferent between Party and Party; but have been both Judge and Party in many Cauſes Inſtituted before you: And either for want of Knowledge, or of a perverſe Mind, have in many Cauſes proceeded very irregularly, and unduely, contrary to the known Rules and Practices in like Caſes uſual: And that under colour or pretence of your ſaid Juriſdiction, you have much Troubled, Diſquieted, Vexed, and unduely Perplexed very many of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Dioceſſes; and greatly Impoveriſhed ſome of them; and have not for the moſt part of the time of your Exerciſing the ſaid Juriſdictions kept your Eccleſiaſtical Courts at due Times, and at proper Places, as by the Cannons required. *Et objicimus & Articulamur ut ſupra, & probare intendimus.*

ANSWER to the Firſt ARTICLE.

TO *the Firſt Article, this Reſpondent ſaith, That in, or about* January, *in the Year of our Lord* 1692, *the preſent Lord Biſhop of* Downe *and* Connor, *then lying Sick, near* London, *and unable to return to his*

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Dioceſſes of Downe, *and* Connor, *and to Viſit and Govern the ſame; was pleaſed to think, That this Reſpondent having been Dignified in the Cathedral Churches of the ſaid Dioceſſes, many Years, and had great Knowledge of the Affairs of the ſaid Dioceſſes, and wou'd not favour the Sacrilegious Laity, nor the Uncanonical Clergy of the ſaid Dioceſſes, ſent ſeveral Meſſages or Letters to this Reſpondent, (being then in* Wales, *and ready to return to this Reſpondent's Charge, in the ſaid Dioceſſes) That this Reſpondent ſhould attend the ſaid Lord Biſhop, before this Reſpondent's Return to his ſaid Charge; and that this Reſpondent ſhould receive Power to Govern the ſaid Dioceſſes, during the ſaid Biſhop's Pleaſure and Abſence. And this Reſpondent received ſeveral other Letters, to the like Effect, from the preſent Biſhop of* Clogher. *That this Reſpondent anſwered the ſaid Letters, declining the acceptance of an Office, that would become ſo ſubject to Envy; and upon the faithful Diſcharge thereof, Reproach and Hatred would be the Reward; notwithſtanding this Reſpondent's Excuſes were not allowed. He Waited on the ſaid Lords Biſhops, and had the Advices of Civilians and others, concerning Powers, for the Exerciſe of the ſaid Office. And that the ſaid Lord Biſhop of* Downe, *and* Connor, *committed to this Reſpondent, all the Powers, within the ſaid Dioceſſes, which a Biſhop could intruſt with a Prieſt; reſerving ſome Particulars; And granted to this Reſpondent, ſeveral Commiſſions, one whereof is mentioned in the ſaid Article, againſt this Reſpondent,* viz. To exerciſe Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction within the whole Dioceſs of *Downe: And by vertue of the ſaid Commiſſions, this Reſpondent, with great Pains and Expences, made conſiderable Reformation in the ſaid Dioceſſes; and acted under the ſaid Commiſſions, with Moderation, Indifferency, and Regularity. And this Reſpondent verily believes, that the Laity and Clergy of the ſaid Dioceſs, have had no juſt cauſe of Offence, againſt this Reſpondent's Exerciſe of Juriſdiction: For moſt of the Clergy of the ſaid Dioceſſes on the* 15th *Day of* October 1691, *Made, and Subſcribed an Addreſs of Thanks, to the ſaid Lord Biſhop, for his committing the Government of the ſaid Dioceſſes to this Reſpondent; And that they were well Satisfied with his Lordſhip's Choice, and Appointment, of this Reſpondent in that Office; by reaſon of this Reſpondent's Knowledge and Experience in the Affairs of the ſaid Dioceſſes; and of this Reſpondent's Zeal and Courage in aſſerting the Rights of the Churches therein; and they believed and hoped, that this Reſpondent would Diſcharge his Truſt, for the Benefit of the Church. And on the* 22th *Day of* June 1692, *a Perſon of great Honour, Wiſdom, and Knowledge of the Affairs of the ſaid Dioceſſes; and of a greater Intereſt*

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than any other Man in both Dioceſſes; having been a diligent Obſerver of this Reſpondent's Accounts, and Exerciſe of Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction, in the ſaid Dioceſſes; aſſured the ſaid Biſhop, under his Hand, that this Reſpondent had been at great Pains in Viſiting and Reforming the Diſorders of the ſaid Dioceſſes. And that this Reſpondent, in the Exerciſe of his Office, dealt with Moderation, and all mild Ways, without any Diſturbance or Juſt Cauſe of Clamour; although (as he Writes) whoever muſt Endeavour any thing of Reformation, muſt reſolve to meet Reproach and Oppoſition: Which ſaid Certificate and Letter, this Reſpondent is ready to Produce; and doubteth not, but that it will appear, that the Fame, in the ſaid Article objected, ariſeth (if any there be) from no juſt Ground; and from ſome Perſon or Perſons, Criminous, or having no good Will for this Reſpondent; or for Epiſcopal or Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction. And to the reſt of the ſaid Article, this Reſpondent deemeth the ſame to be true.

DEPOSITIONS to the Firſt ARTICLE.

I. THomas Crawford *de* Belfaſt, *Gener. Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That about Six or Seven Months ago, there came to this Deponent, *John Taverner* of the Pariſh of *Bellfaſt*; and told this Deponent, That he the ſaid *John Taverner*, with Four or Five Inhabitants more of the ſaid Pariſh, were Cited by Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, to appear before him, at the Court at *Liſburne*, for not Contributing to the Repair of *Drumbeg* Church. And the ſaid *John Taverner*, deſired this Deponent's Advice; which was, That they ſhould Fee a Proctor, and deny the Archdeacon's Juriſdiction in the Pariſh of *Bellfaſt*: And withal, except againſt him as an Incompetent Judge, being himſelf Vicar of the Pariſh of *Drumbeg*. Whereupon the ſaid *John Taverner*, and the reſt who were Summoned, went to *Liſburne*, and attended the Courts; and the ſaid *Taverner* upon his Return, told this Deponent that they had Feed Mr. *Thomas Ranſford* to be their Proctor, who appeared for them, and deſired a Libel, but could get none. This Deponent further ſaith, That *William Thompſon*, Gent. ſome time after, came to this Deponent, and told him, That Mr. *Ranſford* was gone for *England*, and therefore, that he this Deponent, muſt go for *Liſburne* with him, to appear for the Parties aforeſaid; which this Deponent did, but there was no Court held that Day, though it was a Day appointed. This Deponent ſaith, That ſome Weeks after

ter, he went to *Lisburne*, another Court Day, to appear for the Pariſhes aforeſaid; and demanded of the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, a Libel, or to be Diſmiſſed, but could not obtain either a Libel, or to be Diſmiſſed: By which it was evident, that his Proceedings were partial; it being his own Cauſe to force the Pariſh of *Bellfaſt*, to joyn in the Repair of *Drumbeg* Church, of which, he the ſaid *Matthews* was Vicar. And this Deponent ſaith, that there was no Promoter aſſigned in the ſaid Cauſe. *Et ulterius ad hunc articulum neſcit deponere.*

II. Gulielmus Thompſon *de* Bellfaſt, *Gener.* *Ad primum articulum*, &c. That *Chriſtopher Coates*, *John Charley*, *William Logan*, and *John Turley*, were cited about *July* laſt, to appear at the Conſiſtorial Court, held by Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* at *Lisburne*, at the Proceedings of which Citation, this Deponent was preſent Six Court Days: And that the ſaid Perſons, ſo Cited, did conſtitute Mr. *Ransford* their Proctor; who often demanded a Libel, or to be Diſmiſſed; neither of which were granted: Nor could this Deponent, or the Perſons cited, certainly know for what they were cited; but have been told, it was to Contribute towards the Repair of *Drumbeg* Church, whereof the ſaid *Matthews* is Incumbent; though the ſaid Perſons were not, nor never were accounted in the ſaid Pariſh of *Drumbeg*: And that the ſaid Archdeacon *Matthews*, would never let the Perſons ſo cited, know at whoſe Inſtance they were Sued: And this Deponent believes, the ſaid Archdeacon Sued the ſaid Parties, cited as aforeſaid, though he ſate as Judge every Court-Day, but one, in the Conſiſtorial Court. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

III. Arthurus Maxwell *de* Drumbeg, *Armig.* *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* is Judge of the Conſiſtorial Court, of the Dioceſs of *Downe*, as this Deponent believes: And that the ſaid Archdeacon, hath Cited ſeveral Perſons of the ſaid Court, in *Cauſâ Subſtractionis dicimerum*, which Tythes belonged to him the ſaid *Matthews*; and particularly, *in Cauſâ Subſtractionis decimarum*, in, or about the Month of *May* laſt, as this Deponent remembers, wherein *Hart*, the ſaid Archdeacon's Servant, was Promovent, and *Magee* was Impugnant: In which Cauſe, the ſaid *Magee*, not appearing, till Two Hours after Court, was pronounced Contumacious. And this Deponent, with the ſaid *Magee*, waited on the ſaid Archdeacon *Matthews*, Mr. *Wotton* the Regiſter, being preſent, about two Hours after Court; and deſired his, the ſaid *Magee*'s Appearance might be accepted; which the ſaid Archdeacon did Diſpute: And the Court

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Day following, the said *Magee* appearing, he was required by the said *Mathews* to purge his Contempt. But it was alledged that he, the said *Magee*, was not Contumacious, he appearing in that Day, when he was cited: And after some dispute it was allowed, That the said *Magee* was not Contumacious, and thereupon he the said *Magee* constituted Mr. *Thomas Ransford* his Proctor *viva voce* in Court; and a Rule was made, That a Copy of the Libel against the said *Magee* should be given to him the said *Magee*; and that he should answer the said Libel upon Oath the Court-Day following. This Deponent further saith, That the said *Ransford*, *Magee*'s said Proctor, was sent for the Copy of the said Libel, but returned without it; and told this Deponent, That while the Register was just about giving him the said *Ransford*, the said Copy, the said *Mathews* came in, and hindred him, the said Register, from giving out the said Copy; and told him, That the Suit about *Drumbeg* had lasted Seventeen Years; and that he did believe this Suit would be between this Deponent, and him the said *Mathews*; and would last other Seventeen Years: Upon which Information this Deponent, and the said Mr. *Ransford*, went to wait upon the said Archdeacon at his own House: And this Deponent asked him, Why he, the said *Mathews*, was so unfare, as *extra* Judicially, out of Court, in his own Cause, to alter a Rule made by him in Court. The said Archdeacon denied that he made any such Rule. This Deponent answered, That he could prove it by most of the Gentlemen that were present at Court: The said Archdeacon asked this Deponent, What he was concerned? This Deponent answered, That he did not know whether he was concerned or no, till he saw the Libel: And that if *John Hart* Libelled *James Magee* for Rectorial Tythes, which was this Deponent's property, it should be in Court. But this Deponent would remove it to a Court where the said Archdeacon should not be Judge and Party: All that this Deponent could obtain from the said Archdeacon, was a promise that a Copy of the said Libel should be given the next Court-Day following; At which next Court, this Deponent being present, and *Thomas Ransford* aforesaid appearing for the said *Magee*, and praying for a Copy of the Libel, Dean *Wilkins*, and the Archdeacon of *Connor*, urged that *Magee* should appear in Person, and purge his Contempt: To which this Deponent, and the aforesaid Proctor answered, that he had done that, and had been admitted *Rector in Curia*, and had constituted his Proctor in

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open Court, the Court-Day before, which Constitution had been allowed of, and desired that the Rule of Court might be read; which being read by Mr. *John Wotton*, then officiating in the Register's absence, was to this purpose; That the said *Magee*, should appear next Court-Day, and purge his Contempt, or shew cause why he should not be Excommunicated. This Deponent, and the said Proctor urging that the said Rule was otherwise; and Dean *Wilkins* vouching, that the said *Magee* was admitted *Rector in Curia*, and had constituted his Proctor, and thereupon would not proceed, but continued the said Cause, and this Deponent heard no more of the said Cause, till the said Proctor, some few Court-Days thereafter, told this Deponent, That the Archdeacon of *Connor* told him, That he received Orders from his Uncle *Lemuel Mathews*, to let the said Suit against *Magee* fall. And this Deponent further saith, That *John Hart* told this Deponent in *Dublin*, in *February* last, That he never was Farmer to the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* for the said Tythes of *Drumbeg*: And that the said Suit against the said *Magee*, in his Name was commenced unknown to him when he was in *Dublin*. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

IV. Johannes Johnson *de* Mallone, *Gener.* *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That he knows that Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* is Judge, Chancellor, or Commissary of the Diocess of *Downe*: And that the said Archdeacon, many Years ago, Sett a Lease of the Tythes of the Parish of *Drumbo*, to Mr. *Hugh Farely*: During his Incumbency of which Lease (he Falling out with the said *Farely*) he the said *Mathews* did deprive him of the Benefit and Enjoyment. And that there have been several Suits depending, between the said Archdeacon *Mathews* and the said *Farely*, notwithstanding which Suits, he Sett the said Tythes to several Persons; and this last Year, to one Mr. *Archibald Hamilton*: And that several Persons were cited to the Consistorial Court of *Downe*, for not paying their Tythes to the said *Hamilton*, tho' they had agreed for them with the said *Farely*. That this Deponent was present, when several of the Parishioners of *Drumbo*, appeared at the said Court, upon a Citation before the said Archdeacon *Mathews*, who sat as Judge, and behaved himself (in this Deponent's opinion) very partially; Suspending the Proctor of the said Parishioners of *Drumbo*, and putting other Hardships upon them. And the said *Hamilton*, told this Deponent, That the said *Mathews* had promised him, that the said *Hamilton*, should be at

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no cost or charge in Suing for the said Tythes. This Deponent further saith, That he this Deponent took Administration of the Goods of *Frances* and *Isabel Musselden* out of the Prerogative Court of this Kingdom, about *October* 1699. Notwithstanding which Administration, the said *Mathews* about Spring following Summoned this Deponent to take out Administration in the Diocess of *Down*: Upon which Summons this Deponent appeared, but could never get a Libell nor Libell Drawn; but was Troubled and Vexed in the said Court for Twelve Months; and at the expiration of which time, the said Cause was dismissed.

VI. Georgius Leech, Clericus. *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Samuel Mathews* is Chancellor, or Commissary of the Diocess of *Down*, and that he has not kept his Ecclesiastical Courts in proper Places; by which Neglect he this Deponent has not been able to receive his Dues, and keeps the said Courts at *Lisburne* Monthly, as this Deponent believes.

VII. Jacobus Ecclin, Clericus. *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That he knows Archdeacon *Samuel Mathews* has been Judge and Party in a Cause against *John Taylor* and *John Cobs*, and one *Fegan*, My Lord *Longford*'s Tenants. The cause of this Deponent's Knowledge is, for that he was present at a Court, held by Archdeacon *Samuel Mathews*, where the aforesaid Persons appeared; and where the said Archdeacon told them, That he Sued none of them for Tythes, but for not Repairing the Church of *Drumbeg*. At the Suit of the Church Wardens of the said Parish of *Drumbeg*: upon which, this Deponent asked one of the Church Wardens of *Drumbeg*, aforesaid, then present, Whether the said Persons were Sued by the said Church Wardens? And he denied it, and said, It was done by order of the said Archdeacon *Mathews*; and thereupon, this Deponent told the said Archdeacon, that it was not fit for him to be both Judge and Party. And the said Archdeacon being conscious thereof, procured a Certificate from the said Church Warden, That the Suit was commenced at the Instance of him, but could not prevail with the other Church Warden of the said Parish to Sign the said Certificate.

VIII. Johannes Taverner, a Fide Dignus. *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That he knows, that Archdeacon *Samuel Mathews* was Judge and Party in a Cause against this Deponent, and some others, this

Deponent being cited to appear at the Court held at *Lisburne*, by Archdeacon *Mathews* aforesaid, by the said Archdeacon's Servant: This Deponent did accordingly appear at the said Court, in *April* last; and being called, as one of the Parishioners of *Drumbeg*, he answered and said, He was not Parishioner of *Drumbeg*, but of *Shanlis*, alias *Belfast*. Whereupon Mr. *James Echlin*, then present, asked, Whose Suit this Deponent was cited to appear at the said Court? To which, *Hugh Capper*, one of the Church-Wardens of the Parish of *Drumbeg*, replyed to it, and said, It was Archdeacon *Mathews*'s own Cause. And the said Archdeacon *Mathews* asked the said *Capper*, Whether he did not present this Deponent? Which the said *Capper* denied. Whereupon the said *Capper* told this Deponent, the said Archdeacon *Mathews* drew a Certificate to this effect, That the Church-Wardens of *Drumbeg* had Presented this Deponent to the Court, for not contributing towards the Repair of the Church of *Drumbeg*. Which said Certificate the said Archdeacon prevailed with the said *Capper* to Sign; the said Archdeacon, having made the said *Capper* Drunk, and given him Money to do it, as the said *Capper* since told this Deponent. And the said Certificate was offered to *James Shilcock*, the other Church-Warden of the said Parish of *Drumbeg* to Sign, who absolutely refused to do it. *Et alias ut nesit deponere.*

VIII. David Maxwell, *Clericus Ad primum Articulum* &c. That Archdeacon *Samuel Mathews* has troubled, vexed, and much perplexed many of the Inhabitants of the Diocess of *Downe* and *Connor*, in the executing the Jurisdiction thereof, and particularly this Deponent. And this Deponent further saith, That he cited several Persons, particularly this Deponent, to appear out of the Diocess of *Downe* at *Lisburne*, which was always accounted in the Diocess of *Connor*. *Et alter ut.*

IX. Jacobus Shilcock *de Drumbeg*, *Yeoman*, *ad primum Articulum*, &c. That about Twelve Months ago, this Deponent being one of the Church-Wardens of the Parish of *Drumbeg*, was at a Vestry, called for the Repair of the Church of *Drumbeg*. That at the said Vestry, the Repair of the said Church was in consideration. And whereas the said Parish consists of about Six Town-Lands, which are now in possession of Archdeacon *Samuel Mathews*. And as the said Archdeacon alledged, there are Nine Town-Lands more belonging to it, which are now reputed and held in the Parish of *Shanlis*, alias

alias *Bellast*; And the Parishioners not being willing to Tax the said Nine Town-Lands for the Repair of the said Church, the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* encouraged them to it, and engaged to them, That if the Inhabitants of the Nine Town-Lands did not pay the proportion applotted on them, he, the said Archdeacon would pay it for them: Whereupon the Act of Vestry was Signed to the purpose aforesaid, by the said Parishioners. Some time after, some of the Inhabitants of the said Nine Town-Lands were cited to the Consistorial Court, held by Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, for not contributing, as this Deponent supposes, towards the Repair of the said Church of *Drumbeg*. This Deponent further saith, That the said Persons were cited to the said Court, as he verily believes, at the Instance of the said Archdeacon *Matthews*: And that it was in the said Archdeacon *Matthew*'s own Cause, the said Persons, not being Presented by this Deponent; and whether Presented by the other Church-Warden, before the Persons aforesaid were cited to the said Court, this Deponent does not certainly know; but believes the Presentment was made by the other Church-Warden *Hugh Capper*, after the said Persons were cited to the said Court. And the said *Capper* told this Deponent, That he was in Drink when he Signed the Presentment; Which said Presentment was afterwards brought to this Deponent to be Signed; but this Deponent thinking it unreasonable, would not do it, because the Money was not at that time demanded of the Inhabitants of the said Nine Town-Lands. *Et alia minus scit deponere.*

To the Fifth Article of the Interrogatories, Sworn to by Sir Thomas Ramsford de Lisburne, Knt. *Ad primum Articulum dicit*, That Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* is reported to have been partial in the exercising of the Jurisdiction of the Diocess of *Downe*. And this Deponent knows, that in a Cause depending between one *Magee*, and *John Hart*, then Servant to the said Archdeacon *Matthews*, the said *Matthews* behaved himself partially, and not indifferently, as became a Judge. This Deponent further saith, That the said *Magee* appeared, and was admitted *Actor in Curia*, although some dispute arose about it, the said *Magee* not appearing at the Court; but coming to the said Archdeacon's Chamber, after the Court was over, the Court-Day before he was admitted *Actor in Curia*. And the said *Magee*, constituted this Deponent his Proctor. And he, the said *Magee*, paid his Constitution Money; and a Rule was made, That the said *Magee* should have a Copy of the Libel. This Deponent

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after Court, went to the Register, who was at the Archdeacon *Mathews*'s House, and demanded the Copy of the Libel; which the said Register was going to give this Deponent, but the Archdeacon coming in ordered the Register not to give out a Copy of the Libel, saying, He must not be rash in giving out a Copy, because the Suit was like to be between Mr. *Maxwell* and him, and was not like to end these Seventeen Years. Whereupon this Deponent went and told Mr. *Maxwell* what had passed between him this Deponent, and the said *Mathews*. And after some Discourse passed about the said Cause, the said *Mathews* asked Mr. *Maxwell*, What he was concerned? To which the said Mr. *Maxwell* replied, That he did not know whether he was concerned or not, till he saw a Copy of the Libel; adding, That if *John Hart*, his, the said Archdeacon *Mathews*'s, Servant, Libelled against his Tenant *James Magee*, for Rectorial Tythes, which were paid, and did belong to him the said *Maxwell*, that then it would be removed to a Court where the said Archdeacon should not be Judge and Party, or words to that effect. And all that this Deponent, or the said Mr. *Maxwell* could get from the said Archdeacon *Mathews*, was a promise to give a Copy of the Libel the next Court-Day. This Deponent further saith, That he appeared for the said *Magee*, the Court-Day following, where he found Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* absent. And his Nephew *Philip Mathews*, and Dean *Wilkins*, deputed by the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, to keep the said Court. And this Deponent demanded a Copy of the Libel, which was ordered him the Day before; to which a Rule was read, contrary to the Rule that passed the Court-Day before, in which it was set forth, That the said *Magee* was in Contempt, tho' he had been admitted before *Refus in Curia*. And Archdeacon *Philip Mathews* insisting upon the said *Magee*'s purging his Contempt. Whereupon Mr. *Maxwell* asked Dean *Wilkins*, who was present the Court-Day before, whether he remembred the Rule that was made in this Cause? To which Dean *Wilkins* replyed, That he did; but the said Dean *Wilkins* said, The Record was what they must proceed by, and not his Memory, or Words to that effect; and thereupon promised, that nothing should be done that Court-Day against the said *Magee*. Some time after, a Court was held by the said *Philip Mathews*, and Dean *Wilkins*, and the said *Magee* was not called; Whereupon this Deponent, asked the said *Philip Mathews*, after the Court was over, Why he did not proceed against the said *Magee*?

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To which he made answer, That his Uncle *Lemuel Mathews* ordered him to desist in the Prosecution of the said *Magee*; and this Deponent never since heard that the said *Magee* was any further Troubled or Prosecuted in the said Cause. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

XI. Hevan Capper *de* Mallone, *Firmarius*. *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That this Deponent about a Year ago was at a Court, held by Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, in the Church at *Lisburne*, and there appeared *John Taverner*, *John Coates*, *Thomas Fogart*, and *Alexander Wilson*, being Summoned to the said Court. That the Design of Summoning the said Persons was, that they might own themselves to be in the Parish of *Drumbeg*, tho' three of the said Persons, *viz. Taverner*, *Coates*, and *Fogart*, were never reputed to be in the Parish of *Drumbeg*, but in the Parish of *Bellfast*: And that he the said Archdeacon *Mathews*, should get the Town-Lands, which have been reputed in the Parish of *Bellfast*, made Part and Parcel of the Parish of *Drumbeg*. This Deponent was asked, at the said Court, by the said Archdeacon *Mathews*, whether he did Present the Persons abovenamed? To which this Deponent replyed, that he did not Present them, and that he knew no reason to Present them. That the said Archdeacon, had given this Deponent a 14 *d.* Piece, part of which this Deponent spent with his Friends after Court; and was Disordered with Drink: And afterwards this Deponent went to the said *Mathews*'s House; and the said *Mathews* bid him, this Deponent, to Present the above-named Persons for not paying the Dues to the said Parish of *Drumbeg*; which this Deponent did; but said, if he the said Archdeacon *Mathews* would find them in the said Parish, he would Present them; which the said Archdeacon said he would do: And for which reason, this Deponent had made the said Presentment, of which this Deponent repented, when he had got a little Sleep. And this Deponent being then Church-Warden, was turned out of that Employment soon after, by the said *Mathews*, because he would not Present other Persons (that the said Archdeacon *Mathews* would have him Present) for the Repair of the Parish Church of *Drumbeg*. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

XII. Jacobus Magee *de Parochia* Bellfast. *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That he, this Deponent, was cited about *Easter*-Day last to appear at a Court to be held at *Lisburne*, some time after. But this Deponent, did not appear before the Court, when called; but he went to Archdeacon *Mathews*'s House, after the Court was over;

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and desired that his Appearance might then be accepted of? To which this Deponent could not then get any satisfactory Answer. And this Deponent further saith, that as he was going out of the said Archdeacon *Mathews*'s House, he, this Deponent said, that he, the said Archdeacon *Mathews*, never knew the reason why this Deponent would not pay the Rectorial Tythes of *Drumbeg* to him: To which the said *Mathews* said to this Deponent, Go you and be Damn'd. This Deponent further saith, That he appeared the Court-Day following, and after some dispute, his Contempt was taken off; this Deponent alledging, That the said *Mathews* should be favourable, he being both Judge and Party in the said Cause: And this Deponent having constituted his Proctor in Court, he attended the Business no further. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

XIII. Johannes Mc Neale, *Decan.* Dunen. *Ad primum Articul.* &c. That for Three Years last past, or thereabouts, this Deponent knows, that *Lemuel Mathews* has exercised the Jurisdiction of the Diocess of *Downe* and *Connor*, and hath in the Ecclesiastical Court, sometimes in some Causes, behaved himself otherwise than a Judge of that Court ought to have done; particularly in a Court held by him, the said *Lemuel Mathews*, in the Chapel of *Strangford*, in *January* 1691, to the best of this Deponent's remembrance; wherein one *John Crawford*, and one *James Kelly*, Parishioners of the Parish of *Ballee*, being summoned to appear at the said Court, for not paying their Tythes to one *James Majore*, (who was put in to be Vicar of the said Parish by the said *Mathews*) notwithstanding the said Vicaridge did belong to the Deanery of *Downe*. The said *Lemuel Mathews*, did then in open Court, in the presence of this Deponent, command the said *Crawford*, and *Kelly*, before Sentence given, to pay their Tythes unto the said *Majore*, or else he would then there actually Excommunicate them. Which they refusing to do, because they had formerly paid them to the Dean of *Downe*, He, the said *Mathews*, took up a Book, wherein he had the Sentence of Excommunication written, and told them again, he would Excommunicate them, unless they would promise to pay their Tythes to the said *Majore*, which their Proctor opposing, he the said *Mathews*, did afterwards threaten to Suspend the said Proctor if he would Speak any more for them. And this Deponent further knows, that in a Court held at *Downe*, in or about the Month of *May*, in the Year 1692, held by the said *Lemuel Mathews*; several of the Parishioners of the said *Ballee*, were Summoned to appear there,

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who were commanded by the said *Mathews*, before any Libel exhibited against them, to pay their Tythes to one *Mercer*, whom the said *Mathews* made Sequestrator thereof, which they refusing to do, he threatned to Excommunicate them. Then the said Parishioners of *Ballee* desired a Copy of a Libel, that they might put in their Answer to it, which the said *Mathews* refused them; but they demanding it again, he told them they should have it when they went out of Court, which when the Court was over they demanded, but could get none. And this Deponent further saith, that the said *Mathews* charged *Nicholas Slotte*, *John Rewan*, *Jasper Brett*, and *James Campbel*, being all Curates, to leave their Cures; and because they would not, did proceed against *Brett* and *Campbel* as Intruders, and did Suspend *Rewan*, which forced him from his Cure. That some of the Inhabitants of the Diocess of *Downe* have been summoned to the Ecclesiastical Courts, held by the said *Mathews* at *Lisburne*, above Twenty Miles from their Habitations; And several of the Inhabitants of the said Diocess, have told this Deponent, they were forced to disobey the Summons of the said Court, not having ability, either of Body or Purse, to come so far to the said Court. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

XIV. Franciscus Garnet *de* Lisburne, *Gener. Ad primum Articul.* &c. That his this Deponent's Mother, *Ruth Garnet*, having taken out Letters of Administration of the Goods and Chattels of her Husband, from Dean *Ward*, Chancellor of the Diocess of *Conner*, in *June* or *July* last, She was afterwards Cited sometime in *Autumn* last to appear before Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, at the Consistory held by him in the Church at *Lisburne*, and to take out Administration of the Goods of her said Husband, from him the said *Lemuel Mathews*, being the Chancellor of the Diocess of *Downe*. Whereupon this Deponent's said Mother desired Mr. *Lassells* to appear for her at the said Court, and to carry the Letters of Administration she had taken out from Dean *Ward* with him, which the said Mr. *Lassells* did; and he the said *Lassells*, having the Administration in his own hand, at the said Court, and shewing it to the said *Mathews*, the said *Mathews* snatch'd the said Administration out of the said *Lassells*'s Hand and threw it to Mr. *Wotton* his Register, and bid him keep it. And this Deponent further saith, That the said Administration, was since demanded from the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, by some Persons in the behalf of his said Mother, but they could never get it from him, and he positively refused to restore it. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

XV. Thomas Lassells *de* Lisburne. *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That Mrs. *Ruth Garnett* having taken out Letters of Administration of the Goods and Chattels of her Husband from Dean *Ward*, Chancellor of the Diocess of *Connor* in *June* or *July* last, the the said Mrs. *Garnett* was afterwards cited to appear at a Court, held by Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, in *September* last, or thereabouts, and to take out Letters of Administration from the said *Lemuel Mathews* to her said Husband; whereupon he desired this Deponent to appear for her, and to carry the Administration he had taken out from Dean *Ward*, with him to the said Court, to shew that she had already Administred to her said Husband, which this Deponent accordingly did. And the said *Lemuel Mathews* asked in the said Court, Whether the said *Garnett* had Administred to her Husband? And this Deponent answered, That she had, and he had then with him the Administration, which the said *Lemuel Mathews* desired to see; and this Deponent shewed the said Administration to him, holding it in this Deponent's own Hand: but the said *Lemuel Mathews* took it out of his Hand, and threw it to Mr. *Wotton* the Register of the said Court, and bid him keep it. And this Deponent further saith, That he has several times since applyed himself in the behalf of the said Mrs. *Garnett*, to the said *Lemuel Mathews*, to restore the said Administration, but the said *Mathews* positively refused to do it: And this Deponent verily believes the said Administration is still kept by Mr. *Wotton*, by the said Archdeacon *Mathews*'s order. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

XVI. Josephus Wilkins, *Decanus* Clogheren. *Ad primum Articul.* &c. That within this Half Year, there was a Denunciation under the Hand and Seal of Dean *Ward*, Chancellor of *Connor*, sent to this Deponent, to be published in the Church at *Lisburne*, to denounce Mrs. *Mary Mathews* Excommunicated for Contumacy, in not appearing before the said Dean *Ward*. That this Deponent acquainted the then Bishop of *Downe* and *Connor*, and Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, with the same. Whereupon the said Bishop would not permit it to be read; and this Deponent sent it back to the said Dean *Ward*. That soon after the said *Mary Mathews* came into the Court held by Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, and put her self upon her Purgation, upon some matter of Scandal that was raised against her, without any previous Institution of such a Cause in the said Court, before the said *Lemuel Mathews*, that this Deponent knows of. Whereupon, the said *Lemuel Mathews* appointed her two Clergy-men, and two Women, for Compurgators. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

XVII. Francicus

XVII. Franciſcus Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gen. Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* in *October* 1691, entred upon the Execution of the Office of Chancellor, Commiſſary, and Official, of the Diocess of *Downe*, and then took the Oath of Judge, to deal Uprightly in his ſaid Office: That this Deponent knows, That he the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* has been, notwithſtanding, Partial, Paſſionate, and Violent, in ſeveral Cauſes inſtituted before him, and particularly in Twenty or Thirty Cauſes, wherein *John Wotton*, Farmer of the ſaid Archdeacon's Tythes was Plaintiff, and ſeveral of the Pariſhioners of *Drumbo* and *Cranlin* were Defendants: The Defendants, or moſt of them, appearing, and Libels were exhibited againſt ſeveral of them: The ſaid Judge appointed *John Hart* his Servant, to appear for them as Proctor, and the ſaid *John Hart*, accordingly appeared for them: The Plaintiff deſired the Defendants to take out Copies of the Libels exhibited againſt them, and required their Anſwer: The ſaid Judge thereupon demanded, what they owed the Plaintiff? And what they ſaid they owed, he ordered the ſaid *John Hart* to receive it from them, which this Deponent believes the ſaid *John Hart* accordingly did receive it; and ſo diſmiſt them from the Court, without any further Proceedings or Coſts, and without the ſaid *John Wotton*'s Conſent: Neither did the ſaid Archdeacon, or *John Hart*, ever account for the ſame ſo received by the ſaid *Hart*, to the ſaid *John Wotton*, or any other Perſon to this Deponent's Knowledge: And that the ſaid Archdeacon, in theſe and many other Cauſes, threatned and uſed many harſh Words; and likewiſe in ſeveral Cauſes between *Evan Magee*, and ſome of the Pariſhioners of *Darryaghy*, wherein the ſaid Archdeacon appeared rather like a Party, or Advocate, than Judge. That there was ſeveral Cauſes commenced by the ſaid *John Hart* as Farmer, or pretended Farmer, to the ſaid Archdeacon, of the Tythes of *Drumbeg*, and particularly againſt *James Magee* of the ſaid Pariſh: That the ſaid *James* appeared and conſtituted *Thomas Ranſford* his Proctor. That after Court the ſaid *Thomas Ranſford* came to this Deponent, who acted then as Regiſter, and demanded a Copy of the ſaid *Hart*'s Libel, if it was exhibited. That this Deponent, with the ſaid *Ranſford*, went up to the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*'s Houſe, and got the Libel from *Hart*. That this Deponent went to the Window, intending to draw a Copy thereof, the ſaid *Mathews* came and ſnatched the ſaid Libel out of this Deponent's Hands, and refuſed the ſaid Parties a Copy thereof. That the ſaid

Magee was some time in *July* 1693. after cited again; and as this Deponent is informed, demanded a Copy of the Libel, or be Dismissed according to the Canon. That there was no Libel then exhibited, neither was the said *Magee* dismissed. That about *September* following a Libel was exhibited by the said *Hart* against the said *Magee*, but no further Proceeding therein. That the said Archdeacon advised several of the Parishioners of *Crumlin*, to pay no more to the Farmers of the Tythes of the said Parish, than what he ordered them to pay: And that if they were entred in the Court, that he was Judge, and could see that they should not be wronged, and would defend them; which the said Archdeacon accordingly did. That this Deponent knows that there has been a general Neglect of keeping the Ecclesiastical Courts in proper Places, as by the Cannon is required; and the cause thereof was, by the multiplicity of the said Archdeacons Law-suits, and his constant attending them in *Dublin*, and not appointing such Surrogates as were fitting or willing to keep Circular Courts, as was usually performed. That several of the Clergy and Parish Clarks, cannot recover their Tythes and Dues, but are wearied and tired out by Attendance near Two Years in the same Suits. That this Deponent heard that Dean *Ward*, Chancellor of the Diocess of *Connor*, caused Mrs. *Mary Mathews* to be cited to the Consistorial Court of *Connor* for Fornication; which Summons, the said *Mary Mathews* did own to this Deponent. That she had notice of that, some time after; fearing the Censure, applyed her self to Archdeacon *Mathews*, who advised her to come into Court the next Day, and Purge her self; and accordingly ordered a Citation for her own Appearance. That she did accordingly appear, and without any Promoter or further Proceedings, she was admitted to Compurgation by Two Clergy-men and Two Women then present in Court. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.* Save that he believes that he has Ruined or Impoverished *Hugh Farely*, and many others.

XVIII. Edwardus Goldsmith *de* Lisburne, *Clericus*, *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That sometime within the last Six Months, this Deponent was present in the Church of *Lisburne*, at the Ecclesiastical Court held by *Lemuel Mathews*, where appeared Mrs. *Mary Mathews*, without any previous Proceedings, that this Deponent knows of, and immediately was admitted to Compurgation, for the crime of Fornication, reported to have been committed by Collonel *Cox*. That this Deponent heard, that Dean *Ward*, Chancellor of the Dio-

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ceſs of *Connor*, had proceeded at the ſame time againſt the ſaid *Mary Mathews*, in his Conſiſtorial Court at *Carickfergus*, for the ſaid crime, to Excommunication. *Et ulterius*, &c. *neſcit deponere*.

XIX. Johannes Wotton *de* Lisburne *Gener*. *Ad primum Articul.* &c. That this Deponent is a Proctor in the Conſiſtorial Court of *Lisburne*, and obſerved Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* Judge thereof, to be very irregular in his Proceedings; particularly in a Cauſe of Defamation, between *Peter Aſhenhurſt*, Plaintiff, whoſe Proctor this Deponent was, and *Richard Pitts*, Defendant. That this Deponent brought a Citation to the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*, to affix his Seal and Name thereunto; that the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews* refuſed to do the ſame, alledging that the Defendant was a good Churchman: And this Deponent replying, That the Plaintiff was as good a Church-man as the Defendant; the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews* threw away the Citation, and ſaid that he was Judge of the Court, and he would do what he pleaſed, and would not be led by a Proctor: That in ſeveral Cauſes it has been obſerved, that the ſaid Archdeacon has been Judge and Party; particularly, in a Cauſe wherein *Archibald Hamilton* was Plaintiff, and ſome of the Pariſhioners of *Drumboe* Defendants; in which Cauſe the ſaid Archdeacon was told of his being Judge and Party: That in a Cauſe of Defamation, wherein *Ever Magee* was Plaintiff, and *James Taffe* was Defendant, that the Defendant acknowledged his Fault, a Bill of Coſts was drawn, and the ſaid Archdeacon refuſed to Tax the ſame, or allow any Coſts: That this Deponent was Farmer to the ſaid Archdeacon for the Tythes of *Drumbo*, *Drumbeg*, and *Crumlin*: That ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, were cited to the Conſiſtorial Court, and Libels exhibited againſt them by this Deponent: Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* then Judge of the ſaid Court, aſſigned *John Hart* to appear as Proctor for the ſaid Pariſhioners; and when he the ſaid *Hart* appeared for them, the ſaid Archdeacon ordered the ſaid Pariſhioners to pay what Tythes they thought they owed to the ſaid *Hart*, which ſome of them did in Court; and then the ſaid Archdeacon ſtopped further Proceedings againſt them; which the ſaid Archdeacon, though this Deponent's Proctor required their Anſwer to the Libels, exhibited againſt them, refuſed to decree. That the ſaid Archdeacon uſually kept Court once a Month in the Church at *Lisburne*, which was very inconvenient for the Out-parts of the Dioceſs of *Downe*; and that Circular Courts were not kept regularly

gularly, as they were in Mr. *Lovells* time. *Et alterius nescit deponere.*

XX. Emerius Magee *de* Lisburne, *Gen. Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent was Plantiff in Two Causes in the Consistorial Court of *Lisburne*, in the Year 1692, or 1693; The One was against one *Taffe* for Defamation, and the Other against *John Combes* for Tythes. That Archdeacon *Mathews* being Judge, behaved himself favourably to the Defendants, as this Deponent apprehended; and that the said Archdeacon was told by this Deponent, when the said Archdeacon pleaded for the said Defendants, That he did not only sit as Judge but as Party: That the said *Combes* never appeared; and the said Archdeacon did not Excommunicate him the said *Combes*, though often required by the said Proctor, and the Rules of the Proceedings obliging him to it. That this Deponent by the said *Mathews*'s Proceedings, never recovered the Tythes for which he Sued the said *Combes*; and this Deponent was so discouraged, that he let one or two Suits more fall, which he had depending in Court, expecting no good issue of them as long as the said Archdeacon was Judge. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

Second ARTICLE against Archdeacon LEMUEL MATHEWS.

ITem tibi *objicimus & Articulamur*. That you, the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, contrary to the Rules and Practice of Ecclesiastical Proceedings, and the Cannons of the Church of *Ireland*, have within these Two or Three Years, last past, issued out many Blank Licences for Marriages, under your, or the Lord Bishop of *Downe*'s Hand and Seal Episcopal, or of Office, which are carried about the Country to be sold and exposed for Money, in and through the said Diocess of *Downe*: And that they are so granted and given out by you, or your order, or direction, without Oaths or Bonds taken, as is required by the Cannons, or Entry of them in the Registry, with the proper Officer, as they ought to have been. *Et objicimus & Articulamur ut supra & probare intendimus.*

ANSWER

ANSWER to the Second ARTICLE.

TO the Second Article this Respondent saith, That this Respondent entrusted a worthy Clergy-man of the Diocess of Downe (as has been always practiced, and allowed in these Dioceses) with Blank Licences for Marriages; and a Surrogation granted to him, under this Respondent's Hand and Seal, to administer the Oaths to be taken at granting the said Licences, according to the Cannon in that behalf: The said Clergyman being to return the Bonds taken thereupon, in order to make an Entry thereof in the Registry of the said Diocess. And to the rest of the said Article, this Respondent denieth the same to be true.

DEPOSITIONS to the Second ARTICLE.

I. JAcobus Kelly. *Ad secundum Articulum deponit & dicit.* That he went to Mr. *Francis Wotton*, Register of *Downe*, to procure a Licence for Marriages, and that he saw several Blanck Papers with the said Mr. *Wotton*, Signed with the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews's* Hand, as this Deponent verily believes; and Sealed with a Seal, which this Deponent supposes to be the Seal of Office; in one of which Blanck Papers the said *Wotton* was going to write a Licence for Marriage; but because this Deponent would not give the Fees he demanded, this Deponent did not obtain the said Licence. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

II. Johannes Buckhurst, *Clericus. Ad secundum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, gave this Deponent, in *May* 1692, or thereabouts, Twelve blanck Licences for Marriages; some of which were Signed by the Register, and some not; but all of them Signed by the said Archdeacon *Mathews*, as this Deponent remembers, and Sealed, either with the Episcopal Seal, or Seal of Office, but which this Deponent does not now remember. And this Deponent further saith, That the said Archdeacon *Mathews*, did by word of mouth appoint this Deponent, his Surrogate; and Swore him this Deponent to be faithful in giving out the said Licences: And to the best of this Deponent's remembrance, there was no Body present when the said Archdeacon administred the said Oath to this Deponent: And after the said Oath was administred to this Deponent, The said Archdeacon gave this Deponent an Instrument, under his Hand and Seal Manual, to be his Surrogate for the disposal of the

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ſaid Licences. That the ſaid Archdeacon gave him, this Deponent, a Note of what Fees he, this Deponent, ſhould take for the ſaid Licences, but did not confine him to take the ſaid Fees. That this Deponent diſpoſed of Three of the ſaid Licences, one for Ten Shillings, one to Mr. *Wotton*, Regiſter of *Downe*, and one to *John Hart*, the ſaid Archdeacon's Servant. That this Deponent took Bonds, and Adminiſtred the Oath, when he granted the firſt, but not when he gave the two laſt. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

III. Philippus Matthews, *Archidiacanus* Connoren. *Ad ſecundum Articulum*, &c. That he does not know of any Blanck Licences of Marriages granted by Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, ſave only to ſuch Surrogates as he, the ſaid *Mathews*, appointed in the Dioceſs, wherein he exerciſed Juriſdiction. And this Deponent believes, that they were not entred in the Regiſters Office. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

IV. Franciſcus Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gener.* *Ad ſecundum Articulum*, &c. That he knows that ſeveral Blanck Licences, and Blanck Adminiſtrations, Signed and Sealed (as he remembers,) by the ſaid Archdeacon, were left with Mrs. *Mary Mathews*, who ſome time ſent for this Deponent, to fill ſome of them. And that the ſaid Licences were not entred with this Deponent, who is Regiſter of the Dioceſs of *Downe*; nor does he know of any Bonds taken for them. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

Third ARTICLE againſt Archdeacon LEMUEL MATHEVVS.

ITem *tibi objicimus & Articulamur*. That you the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, in a pretended Court of Audience, ſet up by you, or Dr. *Thomas Hacket*, the preſent Biſhop of *Downe* & *Connor*, within theſe Four or Five Months laſt paſt, whereof you ſat as Judge, or Preſident; You have proceeded againſt ſeveral of the Clergy, both of the Dioceſs of *Downe* and *Connor*, to their great Trouble, Expences, and Vexation; and have paſſed ſeveral Cenſures therein, againſt them, or ſome of them; and Cited ſome of them out of their Dioceſſes, to attend, and appear in the ſaid Court of Audience, kept in another Dioceſs, and medled therein, with Matters of Contentious Juriſdiction, contrary to the Laws and Practices Eccleſiaſtical,

Iastical, and adding one Irregularity to another, in Execution of the said Authority you pretended to have: To hold the said pretended Court of Audience you made use of one Mr. *Samuel Adams*, to be Register of the said Court, who was not qualified to be a Register, or to speed any Act in it, he being no Notary Publick, nor having taken the Oaths of Fidelity to Their Majesties, or Subscribed the Declaration required by the Act of Parliament, lately passed in *England*, before he entred upon the Execution of the said Office: So that besides his disability in that respect, all Acts Sped by him, many whereof were not Sped in Court, are on the former Account, and ought to be Null and Void. *Et objicimus & Articulamur, ut supra*, &c.

ANSWER to the Third ARTICLE.

TO the Third Article, this Respondent said, That upon a Decree, and Injunction, made at the Visitation of the said Dioceſſes, on the 22th of February, 1692, whereby all Dignities, Rectors, and Vicars, were enjoyned to Reside on their respective Benefices, within Forty Days after the Date hereof, under pains of Suspension, or the Exegency of the Law; And upon Letters from the Lords Justices, and the Lord Primate, in August last, enjoyning the Clergy of the said Dioceſſes to constant and strict Residence, according to the Ecclesiastical Laws of this Kingdom. The said Lord Bishop being desirous, that the said Letters, and his own Decree, and Injunction, should become effectual, and speedy, was pleased to ask Advice of this Respondent, How the same may be pursued, against those of his Clergy who neglected their Cures, the maintenance of Hospitality, and Relief of the Poor in their respective Parishes; And tho' many of them might excuse their Neglects, under Pretences of Priviledges, as Chaplains to Noblemen, or of the said Primate's Dispensations. The said Bishop believing that the said Clergy, notwithstanding their said Pretences, should not be favoured by the Lords Justices, or the said Lord Primate; on the 30th of August last issued forth several Letters, with the said Letters aforesaid to particular Rectors, and Vicars of the said Dioceſſes, and especially Vicars, as being obliged to Residence, by vertue of their Oaths, That they should Reside immediately on their respective Benefices, according to their Oaths, the Ecclesiastical Constitutions, and the said Jurisdiction, and in obedience of the said Letters of the

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ſaid Lords Juſtices, and the ſaid Lord Primate. And the ſaid Lord Biſhop requiring this Reſpondent, and Mr. Philip Mathews, being Archdeacon of the ſaid Dioceſſes, to give in the Names of the Non-reſident Clergy thereof: And the ſaid Archdeacon, thinking themſelves bound, by Eccleſiaſtical Conſtitution, to Reſidential Vicarion, under the Penalty of Suſpenſion, and the Indignation of the Almighty, to certifie who their Vicars were, in the ſaid Dioceſſes, which did not actually Reſide in their reſpective Vicarages, certified to the ſaid Lord Biſhop, the Names of the ſeveral Non-reſident Vicars; and likewiſe of ſome Rectors that did not reſide on their Benefices, ſince the ſaid Injunction of the 20th of February, aforeſaid, and ſince the ſaid Monitory Letters of the 3d of Auguſt laſt, as aforeſaid. This Reſpondent further anſwering, ſaith, That upon the ſaid Certificates, the ſaid Lord Biſhop conſidering the Neglect and Diſobedience of the ſaid Non-reſident Clergy, and his own Duty, and his Obedience to the Commands of the ſaid Lords Juſtices, and the ſaid Lord Primate, in this Caſe of Reſidence: And alſo conſidering, That the Correction of his Clergy, and all great Eccleſiaſtical Cauſes in the ſaid Dioceſſes, were excepted out of the Commiſſions he had given to his Vicars General, of the ſaid Dioceſſes, and were reſerved to his Perſonal Audience. So that the ſaid Vicars General, as ſuch, would not exerciſe Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction therein, without ſome ſpecial Commiſſion. And the reſpective Biſhops and Viſitors of the ſaid Dioceſſes of Downe and Connor, having often cited ſeveral Clergy of the ſaid Dioceſſes to appear at Liſburne, being the newly erected Cathedral Church of the United Biſhops of Downe and Connor, before him, or his ſpecial Commiſſioner, or Viſitor. And this Reſpondent believing, That the ſaid Lord Biſhop's Citing ſuch of the Non-reſident Clergy of the ſaid Dioceſſes of Downe and Connor as Liſburne, as formerly, to appear before him, or his ſpecial Commiſſioner, in his Epiſcopal Audience, in the Stile of the Court of Audience, and Conſiſtory, to be of good Service to the Church, and a Satisfaction to the ſaid Lords Juſtices, and Lord Primate, and agreeable to the Intention of the ſaid Letters, as being a ſpeedy, and effectual Courſe, for obliging the Clergy to their Reſidence. Thereupon he, the ſaid Lord Biſhop, by the Advice of this Reſpondent, on the 2d. of November laſt, iſſued forth ſeveral Publick Edicts, under his Hand and Epiſcopal Seal, againſt the Reverend Thomas Ward, Dean of Connor, for Abſenting himſelf from the Cure and Pariſh of Carrickfergus, and the Vicarage of the Iſle Magee, notwithſtanding the ſaid Injunction, Orders, and Monitions: And the like Edicts iſſued at the ſame time againſt Mr. John Humble, Vicar

of Antrim, in the Dioceſs of Connor, and Mr. David Maxwell, Vicar of Donaghadee, in the Dioceſs of Downe, to appear before the ſaid Lord Biſhop, or his ſpecial Commiſſioners, in the Conſiſtorial Place and Court of Audience at Lisburne, aforeſaid, in Cauſes of Non-reſidence: And the Regiſter of the Dioceſs of Connor, reſiding Twenty Miles diſtant from the ſaid Court in Lisburne; and the pretended Regiſter of Downe often abſenting, or neglecting to attend the ſaid Court of Audience, or Conſiſtory, and being no Publick Notary, the ſaid Lord Biſhop aſſumed his Secretary, Mr. Samuel Adams, as Regiſter or Actuary of the ſaid Court: And in this Reſpondent's Preſence, Impowered him during pleaſure, to Write and Speed the Acts of the ſaid Court. And ſaieth, That the ſaid Adams, before he entred upon the Execution of the ſaid Office, qualified himſelf, according to the Act of Parliament, lately made in England, mentioned in the ſaid Articles. And to the reſt of the ſaid Article, this Reſpondent denieth the ſame to be true.

DEPOSITIONS to the Third ARTICLE.

I. GErgius Lovell, *jun. Clericus, ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That within Half a Year as this Deponent remembers, Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* held a Court at *Newtowne*, which was called a Court of Audience; but what Proceedings were in the ſaid Courts, this Deponent cannot tell. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum ſcit deponere.*

II. David Maxwell, *Clericus. Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, by vertue of a Commiſſion from the Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor* ſet up a Court, called the Court of Audience, of which, he the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews* ſat as Judge, and proceeded againſt ſeveral of the Clergy both of the Dioceſs of *Downe* and *Connor*, and particularly againſt this Deponent, to his great Trouble, Expence, and Vexation; and paſſed Eccleſiaſtical Cenſures againſt *Thomas Ward*, Dean of *Connor*, by Suſpending him, as this Deponent has heard, and verily believes; and cited this Deponent to appear in the ſaid Court of Audience, kept at *Lisburn*; always reputed in the Dioceſs of *Connor*, tho this Deponent was of the Dioceſs of *Downe*, and medled therein, with Matters of contentious Juriſdiction; and proceeded very irregularly in the execution of the ſaid Authority, as this Deponent thinks: For on or about the 12th of *November* laſt paſt, this Deponent received a Letter from the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel*

Mathews, ſignifying that the Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor*, by his the ſaid *Mathews*'s advice and concurrence, or words to this effect, had revoked this Deponent's Letters of Curacy to ſerve *Cumber*, and appointed one Mr. *David Robb* to ſerve the ſaid Cure, till it were otherwiſe diſpoſed of, all which was done without any Proviſion, Citation, or Notice given to this Deponent, to ſhew cauſe to the contrary. That at the ſaid time this Deponent was ſerved with an Edict, or Monition, to appear at *Liſburne* on the 14th of *November*, Sign'd as Regiſter by *Samuel Adams*; and alſo Sign'd by the Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor*, to the beſt of this Deponent's remembrance: And that notwithſtanding this Deponent was ſerved perſonally with the ſaid Monition, yet the Summoner fixed a Copy of the ſaid Edict or Monition upon the Church Door of *Comber*, by orders of Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, as the ſaid Summoner told this Deponent; which this Deponent believes was done to leſſen him amongſt his Pariſhioners; and it had that effect, that this Deponent upon the 14th of the ſaid Month came to *Liſburne* with a Letter from the Earl of *Mount-Alexander*, whoſe Domeſtick Chaplain this Deponent is, directed to the Lord Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor*, ſignifying the cauſe of this Deponent's Non-reſidence at *Donaghadee*, and intreating the ſaid Biſhop's Favour in permitting this Deponent to reſide at *Comber*, according to his the ſaid Biſhop's former uſage; And that he this Deponent might attend the ſaid Earls Family, and pleaded the Priviledge of Peers, which Letter this Deponent delivered to the ſaid Biſhop before the Court that Day appointed: And the ſaid Letter being read to the ſaid Biſhop, Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* gave his comment ſo upon it, that the Biſhop, tho' at firſt ſeeming to incline to grant the ſaid Earls Requeſt, yet afterwards denied it, he the ſaid Biſhop ſaying, That he was commanded by the Lords Juſtices and the Lord Primate to reſide himſelf, and to cauſe all his Clergy to reſide: To which this Deponent replyed, by ſhewing a Letter from the Secretary by the Lords Juſtices command to my Lord *Mount-Alexander*, that it was ſufficient if this Deponent reſided upon any of the Livings, and that it was plain by the ſaid Letter, that by Livings was meant both Benefices and Cures, with certain Allowances; to which the ſaid Biſhop replyed, That he had given Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* a Commiſſion to hold a Court of Audience; and that he this Deponent was cited to it, and he muſt appear there, which accordingly this Deponent did, and being called, appeared, and deſired to appear by his Proctor

Proctor, which was allowed of; and his Proctor demanded a Libel but the ſaid Archdeacon would give none, but ſaid it was a ſummary Cauſe, and he would proceed *ore tenus*; and this Deponent's Proctor alledging, that it was a plenary Cauſe, the ſaid Proctor was Suſpended; which the ſaid Proctor taking ill, did talk paſſionately to the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*, but gave no juſt Provocation before his Suſpenſion. That this Deponent deſired liberty to ſhew cauſe why his Letters of Curacy ſhould not be vacated, and why he ſhould not be obliged to reſide at *Donaghadee*; and deſired that his Letters of Curacy, Chaplainſhip, and Letter to the Lord *Mount-Alexander* from the Secretary, by the Lords Juſtices Order might be read; none of which this Deponent was ſuffered to do, but ſaid, he, the ſaid Archdeacon would continue the Cauſe: But in as much, as in the ſaid Monition ſent to this Deponent, it was inſerted, that the ſaid Curacy of *Comber* was void. This Deponent was afraid, leaſt Advantage might have been taken during the continuance of the Cauſe, to put in another Curate, proteſted *de gravamine & de appellando*, which he deſired might be entred by the Regiſter: But *Samuel Adams* ſitting as Regiſter, and being no Notary Publick, nor having then taken the Oaths of Fidelity to Their Majeſties, required in the Act lately paſſed in *England*, as this Deponent is aſſured, becauſe he ſaw him take them the next Court-day, did not put Pen to Paper, or take any Notes of the Proceedings of the Court; and *Francis Wotton*, known Regiſter of the Dioceſs of *Downe*, where this Deponent's Cures are, proteſted againſt the ſaid Court of Audience, and would not act therein. The 22th of *November* this Deponent put in an Appeal *in Scriptis*, and demanded Apoſtles; which Appeal was made before *Robert Donnell* a Notary Publick, whom this Deponent feed: But the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* diſſwaded the ſaid *Donnell* from being concerned for this Deponent; whereupon the ſaid *Donnell* returned this Deponent his Fee, and told him he durſt not be concerned for him, ſince he diſcourſed the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*. And ſome time after, this Deponent demanded again Apoſtles, and the ſaid Archdeacon ſaid, he would ſend up Apoſtles to the Court where this Deponent had appealed to. And this Deponent alſo deſired time to preſent his ſaid Appeal, and the ſaid Archdeacon ſaid he would allow him Twenty days, or a Month, to proſecute the ſaid Appeal in. But notwithſtanding the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*, before the expiration of the ſaid Twenty days, in the abſence of this Deponent,

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and without any Citation, decreed the said Appeal *pro deserto*; and this Deponent minded the said Business no more, because he heard of the Commission for the Regal Visitation, wherein this Deponent hoped for redress. This Deponent further saith, That he hath served the Cure of *Comber* for about 26 Years, only Five Months, during the time of the late Troubles, and about Two Years, that he attended as Chaplain in the Army; in which time the said Cure was duly served, and the Curate paid by this Deponent, tho' he received nothing out on't at that time. That the said Cure is in the nomination of a Lay-Patron, and has a settled Sallary of about 53 *l.* 17 *s.* 9 *d.* *Annum*; together with a House, and a parcel of Land, in which House this Deponent lives. This Deponent further saith, That notwithstanding the said *Samuel Adams* took no Notes of the Proceedings of the said Court of Audience, yet there were Acts formerly drawn and brought into Court and read, which were false, as to great part of the matter of Fact, and omitting several things that passed. *Et hoc verum ad hunc Articulum scire deponere.*

III. Thomas Farewell *de Lisburne, Gener.* *Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That he heard a Commission read, under the Hand and Seal Episcopal of Dr. *Thomas Hacket*, Bishop of *Down* and *Connor*, as this Deponent believes: By vertue of which Commission, Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* erected a Court of Audience, and called it on the 10th Day of *October*, to the best of this Deponent's remembrance. That an Instrument was likewise read, constituting Mr. *Samuel Adams* Register of the said Court; which the said *Adams* accepted of, but this Deponent verily believes, that the said *Adams* was not then, or pretended to be a Notary Publick. This Deponent attended several Courts, and the said *Adams* never took any Notes of the Proceedings of the said Court, that this Deponent saw, but this Deponent believes, that the said Archdeacon *Mathews* drew the Acts of the said Court, as he the said Archdeacon thought fit, and gave them to the said *Adams*. This Deponent often asking the said *Adams* for Copies of the Acts of the said Court? Who answered this Deponent, That they were not yet ready, meaning the said Acts. And this Deponent further saith, That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, as this Deponent believeth, cited Mr. *David Maxwell* to appear at the Court of Audience the 14th day of *November*, as this Deponent believes; in which Citation, the said *Maxwell*'s Letters of Curacy, to serve the Cure of *Comber*, were declared void: Upon which, this Deponent being Feed by Mr. *Max-*

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well then in Court, appeared for the said *Maxwell* as his Proctor, and appealed *viva voce apud acta* for the Grievance done to his Client Mr. *Maxwell*, by the said Citation, and demanded Apostles; but he the said Archdeacon granted none, but put off further Proceedings till the next Court Day. Sometime after the said *Maxwell* appealed *in Scriptis*, and the said Archdeacon admitted the said Appeal, and promised Apostles, but never gave any to this Deponent; but the said *Adams* said, He would send them by the Post; and desired this Deponent to write to his Client Mr. *Maxwell*, to take care of the said Appeal. And the said Archdeacon gave Mr. *Maxwell* a Month to prosecute his Appeal in, but the said *Mathews* never sent up the Apostles, as this Deponent could ever hear of; but about the ending of the Month, to the best of this Deponent's remembrance, he, the said Archdeacon declared the said Appeal diserted. This Deponent further saith, That the said Archdeacon *Mathews* did indifferently cite the Clergymen of both Dioceses of *Downe* and *Connor* to appear at the said Court held at *Lisburne*. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

IV. Philippus Mathews, *Archidiaconus* Connoren. *Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent has known some of the Clergy of both Dioceses of *Downe* and *Connor*, viz. Dean *Ward*, Mr. *Humble*, and Mr. *Maxwell*, cited to appear at a Court of Audience held by the said *Samuel Mathews*; and has heard that the censure of Suspension was inflicted on Dean *Ward*, either for not appearing, or Non-residence. That all the Citations and what Censures passed, were under the Hand and Seal of the present Bishop of *Downe* and *Connor*. That some of the Clergy were cited out of their own Dioceses to appear at the said Court of Audience, and that the said *Mathews* meddled with contentious Jurisdiction in the said Court of Audience, without calling another Court. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

V. Robertus Donnell *de* Ballymnagh, *Arm.* *Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That about *December* last this Deponent was at *Lisburne*, and heard of a new erected Court of Audience. That this Deponent came into the Church at *Lisburne*, and found Archdeacon *Samuel Mathews* sitting as Judge, and *Samuel Adams* as Register in the said Court; which said *Adams*, this Deponent does not believe to be a Publick Notary, or qualified for it. That he saw a Citation returned against *Thomas Ward*, Dean of *Connor*, and *David Maxwell*, Clerk, Vicar of *Donaghadee*, for Non-residence. That the said Dean *Ward*

was cited for Adultery into the said Court, and this Deponent as *amicus Cur.* did inform the Court, that Dean *Ward* was in *Dublin*, and would be at Home before the next Court: That the said Archdeacon proceeded against the said Dean, and pronounced him contumacious *reservata Pœna*, (to the best of his remembrance:) That this Deponent was assigned Proctor for the aforesaid *David Maxwell*; and the Proceedings were so irregular, that the said *David Maxwell* Appealed, and then the said Archdeacon adjourned the Court, by the name and stile of the Court of Audience. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

VI. Franciscus Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gener.* *Ad tertium Articul.* &c. That about the 10th of *October* 1693, the said Archdeacon *Samuel Mathews* had a Court of Audience, and after Business was over, he took and Subscribed the Declaration, according to the late Act of Parliament: That about the 14th of *November* last, he held another Court of Audience, and proceeded against several of the Clergy of the Diocesses of *Downe* and *Connor*, and particularly, proceeded against Mr. *David Maxwell*; and on the said 14th of *November*, appointed *Samuel Adams* Register, upon the Protestation of this Deponent, against the Illegality of the said Court: The said *Adams* read a Monition against the said Mr. *Maxwell*, tho' he the said Mr. *Maxwell* offered a Letter he had from the Lords Justices, or Their Secretary, to be read in Court, which the said Archdeacon refused: That the said *Maxwell* Appealed from the said Process, and all other Proceedings against him, and desired Apostles; as also, that his Appeal might be entred in the Acts of Court; the said Register did not put Pen to Paper, so that the said Appeal was not entred: That about the 21th of the said Month, another Court of Audience was held by the said Archdeacon: That *Samuel Adams* aforesaid, after he read a Process that was against *John Wotton*, he took the Oaths, and Subscribed according to the Act of Parliament: That the said *John Wotton* appeared, and declared, That he was Suspended for offering Matters of Law for his Client Mr. *David Maxwell*: That notwithstanding the said *Adams* had not put Pen to Paper in the said First Court, yet he brought fare written Acts into the said Court of Audience: That this Deponent knows, that the said Court has been grievous and vexatious to several Persons, and put them to great Expences, especially Mr. Dean *Ward* and Mr. *Maxwell*: That he heard that Dean *Ward* was Suspended in the said Court: That the said Archdeacon *Mathews* proceeded

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in the ſaid Court, in ſeveral Matters of contentious Juriſdictions: That when Mr. *Maxwell* deſired Apoſtles, the ſaid Archdeacon denied them at firſt; but the ſaid *Maxwell* appealing from the denial of Apoſtles, the ſaid Archdeacon appointed him the ſaid *Maxwell* a certain time to proſecute his Appeal; and that ſome time after the ſaid Archdeacon declared in the ſaid Court of Audience, the ſaid Appeal deſerted, as this Deponent has heard. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

VII. Johannes Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gener. Ad tertium Articulum*, &c. That this Deponent knows, that the ſaid Archdeacon kept a Court of Audience at *Lisburne*, and cited to the ſaid Court Mr. *David Maxwell*, Mr. *Humble*, and Dean *Ward*: That the ſaid Archdeacon Suſpended Dean *Ward* for not reſiding on his Deanary: And this Deponent likewiſe remembred, that the ſaid Dean *Ward* was cited to the ſaid Court of Audience for Adultery; and that this Deponent was Suſpended for moving in behalf of Mr. *Maxwell*, whoſe Proctor he was, that one of the Canons might be read, and alleadging a Paſſage of *Godolphin*; and that tho' no Acts were expedited, or Notes taken in the ſaid Court, the Acts were fairly drawn, and brought into Court the Court-day following: And this Deponent knows *Samuel Adams*, who was appointed Regiſter of the ſaid Court of Audience, and believes him not capable or fit to be a Notary Publick; he appearing in Court to this Deponent, not able to read the Citations in Latin. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

The Fourth ARTICLE againſt the ſaid Archdeacon LEMUEL MATHEWS.

ITem *tibi objicimus & Articulamur.* That you the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*, in the exerciſe of your Power and Juriſdiction in one or both of the ſaid Dioceſſes, did ſeveral times, or at leaſt once give unto ſome of the Church-Wardens of——— both, at leaſt one of the ſaid Dioceſſes, new and ſtrange Articles for their Enquiry and Preſentment, which have not been uſually given upon ſuch Occaſions: And that you have taken upon you, within this One, Two, Three, or Four Years, by ſome pretended Power from the ſaid Dr. *Thomas Hacket*, your Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor*, to give Inſtitution to One or more

Livings, in One or more of the ſaid Dioceſſes, without the Knowledge or Conſent of the ſaid Biſhop; notwithſtanding, if any ſuch Power you had from your ſaid Biſhop ſo to do, his Conſent and Knowledge was always provided to be firſt had thereunto. *Et objicimus. & Articulamur ut ſupra.*

ANSWER to the Fourth ARTICLE.

THis Reſpondent denieth the ſame to be true.

DEPOSITIONS to the Fourth ARTICLE.

I. ARthurus Makwell *de* Drumbeg, *Armig. Ad quartum Articul.* &c. That he was preſent at *Eaſter* laſt, when the Church-Wardens of the Pariſh of *Drumbeg* were Sworn, and Articles delivered to them; and ſome time after, *James Shilcock*, one of the ſaid Church Wardens, told this Deponent, That the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, had given him new Articles, which he ſhewed to this Deponent; and this Deponent read them, and did obſerve, that there were ſome Things in them that he had never ſeen in Articles delivered to Church Wardens before; but now does not remember the Particulars. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

II. Jacobus Majore, *Clericus. Ad quartum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* Collated and Inſtituted this Deponent to the Vicaridge of *Ballee*, when Dr. *Thomas Hacket*, Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor* was in *England*; and he the ſaid *Mathews* Collated and Inſtituted this Deponent to the ſaid Living, about a Week or a Fortnight after this Deponent applyed himſelf to the ſaid *Mathews* for it: But whether the ſaid Biſhop was acquainted, or knew any thing of the ſaid Matter, this Deponent cannot tell. That this Deponent heard Archdeacon *Mathews* Commiſſion from the ſaid Biſhop Read, and Argued upon at the Summer Aſſizes at *Downe*; and as this Deponent remembers, there is a Clauſe in the ſaid Commiſſion, *That the ſaid Archdeacon ſhould not Collate or give Inſtitution to any Perſon without his the ſaid Biſhops Conſent and Knowledge firſt had and obtained. Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

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III. Jacobus Ecclin, *Clericus*. *Ad quartum Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent had a Presentation to the two Vicaridges of *Coole* and *Ballyhyny*, and the Rectories of *Ballymartin* and *Ballymater*; and after the Bishop of *Downe* and *Connor* had given this Deponent Institution to the two Rectories aforesaid, the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* Instituted Mr. *Francis* to the said two Rectories, without the Knowledge or Consent of the said Bishop, as this Deponent verily believes; tho' the said Bishop was then in this Kingdom. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

IV. Jacobus Kelly, *Clericus*. *Ad quartum Articulum deponit*, &c. That Dr. *Thomas Hacket*, Bishop of *Downe* and *Connor*, did in the presence of this Deponent, declare to the Dean of *Downe*, That Mr. *Majore* was Collated and Instituted to the Vicaridge of *Ballee* without his Knowledge or Consent; and he the said Bishop gave the said Dean of *Downe* a Certificate, Signed and Sealed by him the said Bishop to that effect. And this Deponent further saith, That he heard Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*'s Commission read, by which he had power to Institute any Person to any Living; but the Bishop's Consent must be first had and obtained, before he granted any such Institution. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

V. Jacobus Shilcock *de* Drumbeg, *Firmarius*. *Ad quartum Articulum*, &c. That in *April* last, Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* gave to this Deponent, and his Brother Church-warden, Articles for their Enquiry and Presentment; and some few Months after, in the said Year, gave them other Articles. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

VI. Jacobus Martin *de* Lisburne. *Ad quartum Articulum*, &c. That this Deponent and *James Burney*, being Sides-men of the Parish of *Lisburne*, had sometime after *Easter* was Twelve Months, delivered to them Articles for their Presentment: That at *Easter* last, the said *Burney* and this Deponent were Sworn Church-wardens of the Parish of *Lisburne*, but had Articles given them, because they were Sworn to Present to the Articles they had formerly received: That the said *Burney* and this Deponent were summoned to the Court held in the Church at *Lisburne*, about the begining of last Harvest; and some things passing between Dean *Ward* and Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, the said *Mathews* sitting as Judge of the said Court, in the Church at *Lisburne*, demanded of this Deponent to Present the said Dean *Ward* for something the said Dean said, as he was going out of the said

Church at *Lisburne*; but this Deponent did not hear what the ſaid Dean *Ward* then ſaid; and likewiſe ſome words paſſing between Mr. *Johnſton* and Mr. *Farewell*, this Deponent, and *Burney*, Church-Wardens aforeſaid, were called, and commanded to take notice of what was ſaid by the ſaid *Johnſton* and *Farewell*, and to Preſent them for what they then ſaid; whereupon this Deponent Replyed, that it was not in their Articles of Preſentment, to Preſent any thing of that kind; whereupon Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* ſent to this Deponent; but, for certainty, wherein they differ from the former Articles, this Deponent refers himſelf to the ſaid Articles: Nor was this Deponent Sworn to the ſaid New Sett of Articles, nor were the ſaid Articles Signed by any Regiſter. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

V. Johannes *Me.* Neale, Decan *Dunen.* *Ad quartum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, had in the Year 1690 or 1691, a Commiſſion from the preſent Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor*, to Collate and Inſtitute Two Livings in the ſaid Dioceſs, in the Biſhop's Abſence; in which Commiſſion there was a Clauſe, That before he the ſaid *Mathews* Collated or Inſtituted any Perſon to any Living, he ſhould acquaint the ſaid Biſhop with it, and have his, the ſaid Biſhop's leave, under his Hand and Seal to do it: Notwithſtanding which, the ſaid *Lemuel Mathews* Collated and Inſtituted Mr. *James Majore* to the Vicaridge of *Ballee*, for which (as the ſaid Biſhop told this Deponent) he the ſaid *Mathews*, had no Leave nor Authority from him the ſaid Biſhop as aforeſaid, nor had ever acquainted him the ſaid Biſhop with it: And the ſaid *Mathews* being required at an Aſſize at *Downe*, to ſhew ſuch an Authority under the ſaid Biſhop's Hand and Seal as aforeſaid, for Collating and Inſtituting the ſaid *James Majore* to the Vicaridge of *Ballee*, he the ſaid Archdeacon did not produce any: This Deponent further ſaith, that the ſaid *Mathews* did Inſtitute one Mr. *John Francis* to the Prebendary of *Talpeſtown*, and other Livings, without the ſaid Biſhop's Conſent, tho' the ſaid Biſhop was then in this Kingdom. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

VI. Robertus Donnell *de* Ballymenoch, Gen. *Ad quartum Articulum*, &c. That it has been the Cuſtom of theſe Doceſſes to take their Preſident for Articles, from the Articles at the Triennial Viſitation; that at the Triennial in the Year 1691, the Articles were reduced to a fewer Heads, to which the Church-Wardens willingly Swore: That in the Year 1692 or 1693, the Church-Wardens were Sworn to the ſaid Articles, notwithſtanding which, the ſaid Archdeacon made

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a New Set of Articles, with many things in them, which the ſaid Church-Wardens Scrupled at; and deſired this Deponent to deliver them to the Church-Wardens, which this Deponent accordingly did to ſome of them, and the ſaid Church-Wardens took them, but ſaid they would not Preſent according to them, becauſe they were Sworn to the former Articles only. That this Deponent knows that the ſaid Archdeacon had a Commiſſion, or a pretended Commiſſion from the Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor* to Inſtitute, and likewiſe to Collate, provided that he had particular direction from the ſaid Biſhop, under his Hand and Seal; that notwithſtanding the ſaid reſtriction in the ſaid Commiſſion, he Collated Mr. *Majore* to the Vicaridge of *Ballee*, without any ſuch Direction from the ſaid Biſhop, other than a Letter from Mrs. *Hackett*, Wife to the ſaid Biſhop, as the ſaid Archdeacon owned to this Deponent, and ſhewed him the Letter; which Letter did not import, that he, the ſaid Archdeacon, was to Collate the ſaid Mr. *Majore* to the ſaid Vicaridge, as this Deponent remembers, but not to let the Dean of *Downe* Uſurp upon the Biſhop's right in the Vicaridge of *Ballee*; and that the ſaid Archdeacon took Three Guineas from the ſaid *Majore*, by way of Fees, for the ſaid Collection; that the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews* did likewiſe Collate (as this Deponent believes) *Philip Mathews* to the ſaid Archdeaconry of *Connor*; but whether he had any particular Directions from the Biſhop ſo to do, this Deponent doth not know. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

Fifth ARTICLE againſt Archdeacon LEMUEL MATHEVVS.

ITem tibi objicimus et *Articulamur*. That you the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, by vertue of the pretended Power you had to hold a pretended Court of Audience, did, as is publickly famed and reported, directed, or cauſed, ſeveral of the Clergy of *Downe* and *Connor* to be Summoned, or Cited, to ſuch Reſidence, as was not for the Good or Service of the Church, nor agreeable to the Intention and Effect of the Letters of the Lords Juſtices of this Kingdom, ſent to your ſaid Biſhop, by his Grace the Lord Primate of all *Ireland*. Namely, You cauſed the Dean of *Downe*, to be Summoned or Cited to

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leave his Residence at *Downe*, where it was proper for him to be, and to Reside at *Ruchmallin*, Three or Four Miles distance from thence: And Mr. *David Maxwell*, Curate of *Cumber*, and Domestick Chaplain to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Mount Alexander*, who resides at *Cumber*, was Summonned to leave his Attendance on his Lords Family, and the Cure he constantly and duly served there, to Reside at *Donnaghadee*, where there was a sufficient Curate then placed under him: And also required Mr. *James Ecklin*, Chaplain to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Longford*, to have the great Cure of *Belfast*, wherein he doth God and the Church great service, and is in attendance as Chaplain on that Family, when they are there, to reside elsewhere, and in many other Instances, as will in proof appear, not only to the great disservice of the Church, and the Trouble, Disturbance, and Perplexity of the Clergy, but to the Breach and Unfringement of the Priviledges of the Peers and Nobility of this Kingdom, in relation to the continuance of their Chaplains, in Attendance on their respective Families. *Et objicimus & Articulamur ut supra & probare intendimus.*

ANSWER to the Fifth ARTICLE.

THis Respondent refers himself to his Answer to the Third Article and to the rest of this Fifth Article this Respondent denyeth the same to be true.

DEPOSITIONS to the Fifth ARTICLE.

I. JAcobus Ecclin, *Ad quintum Articulamur*, &c. That there was a Letter sent to this Deponent, under the Hand of the Bishop of *Downe* and *Connor*, commanding this Deponent immediately to reside upon the Vicaridge of *Cool* als *Connony*, which Letter this Deponent verily believes was procured by the Instigation of the said Archdeacon *Mathews*, because (this Deponent has been very credibly informed) the said *Mathews* said he would have this Deponent out of the Cure of *Belfast*, though this Deponent was then Chaplain to my Lord *Longford*. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

II. David Maxwell, *Clericus*. *Ad quintum Articulum*, &c. That he refers himself for Answer to this Article, to his Deposition to the Third Article. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

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III. Johannes Mc. Neale, *Decanus Dunen. Ad quintum Articulum*, &c. That one *Beme*, the Apparator of the Consistorial Court of *Downe*, brought a List to this Deponent, wherein were the Names of several Clergymen, who were appointed to remove from the Cures they then Served, to other Cures; which said List, the said Apparator told this Deponent, was given him by *Lemuel Mathews*, who ordered him to serve the Persons therein mentioned with it; in which List, this Deponent remembers, that he this Deponent was required to remove from his Cure at *Downe*, and to reside at *Rathmullin*; and that *David Maxwell* was required also to leave his Cure at *Cumber*, and to reside at *Donaghadee*: That *Robert Hamilton* was required to leave his Cure at *Bangor*, and to reside at *Ballyhalbert*; and many others, who were required to leave their Cures they then served, to reside in other Places, tho' their own Cures were well served by sufficient Curates; which said Removes were neither for the good Service of the Church, or agreeable to the Lords Justices Letter about Residence, but did greatly tend to the Trouble, Disturbance and Perplexity of the Clergy, and to the Infringement of the Priviledge of some Peers, as this Deponent believes. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

IV. Johannes Winder, *Clericus. Ad quintum Articulum*, &c. That he was present when Archdeacon *Mathews* enjoyned Mr. *Ecolin* of *Belfast* to reside at *Connony*. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

V. Robertus Donnell *de* Ballymanagh, *Gener. Ad quintum Articulum*, &c. That at the aforesaid Court of Audience, this Deponent saw a Monition which had been returned into the said Court, to the best of his remembrance; in which, the said *David Maxwell* was required to reside at *Donaghadee*, to the best of this Deponent's remembrance; and that he has been shewed in the said Archdeacon *Mathews*'s Closet, by the said Archdeacon, several Monitions of the same nature, against *William Kilpatrick*, Vicar of *Dunane*, in the Diocess of *Connor*, against Mr. *Humble*, Vicar of *Antrim*, and some others whom this Deponent does not at present remember. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

VI. Franciscus Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gener. Ad quintum Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent saw several Letters directed to several of the Clergy of *Downe* Diocess, and believes the like Letters were directed for several of the Clergy of *Connor*, to enjoin Residence, which this Deponent did not think convenient; particularly enjoyning Mr. *David Maxwell*, Resident Curate of *Cumber*, to reside at

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Donaghadee or *Ballywater*; and Mr. *Robert Hamilton*, Reſident Curate of *Bangor*, to reſide at *Ballyhalbert*; that there were ſufficient Curates upon the ſaid Pariſhes; and this Deponent heard that the like Letter was ſent to the Dean of *Downe*, to reſide in the Pariſh of *Rathmullen*. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

Sixth ARTICLE againſt Archdeacon LEMUEL MATHEVVS.

ITem *tibi objicimus & Articulamur*. That it is generally and publickly famed and reported, that you have Corrupted, Altered and Defaced Some of the Viſitation Books of the ſaid Dioceſſes, or One of them, which were in the cuſtody or keeping of the Regiſter of the ſaid Dioceſſes, or one of them, when by him lent to you, which are now exhibited before us: And it is further publickly famed and reported, that in the Year 1685, or 1686, you did alter Letters of Curacy, under the ſaid Biſhop's Hand and Seal, to ſome private Benefice, or Advantage of your ſelf, without the ſaid Biſhop's knowledge. *Et objicimus & Articulamur ut ſupra, & probare intendimus.*

ANSWER to the Sixth ARTICLE.

THis *Reſpondent ſaith, That this Reſpondent being Viſitor of the Dioceſſes of* Downe *and* Connor, *by vertue of a ſufficient Commiſſion, and finding moſt of the Viſitation Books of the ſaid Dioceſſes to be Scrowled, Imperfect, and Different from the Regal, Metropolitan, and Ancient Epiſcopal Viſitation Books of the ſaid Dioceſſes, believes that he did give Directions to the Regiſter of the ſaid Dioceſſes, to Rectifie the ſaid pretended Books, and prepare new Ones for the Viſitations in the Year* 1691, *ſupplying the Faults or Neglects of the former Books, as this Reſpondent conceives he well might do: And this Reſpondent believes, that in the Year* 1684, *this Reſpondent being Rector of* Carncaſtle *and* Ballicorr, *and of other Members of the Prebendary of* Carncaſtle, *upon the Death of Mr.* John Granger, *this Deponent's Curate of the ſaid Pariſhes of* Carncaſtle *and* Ballycorr, *and the Members thereof, in the Dioceſs of* Connor, *did appoint and nominate one* Rice Mathews, *Clark, to be this Deponent's Curate of the ſaid Pariſhes; and the Members thereof, directing*

recting this Respondent's Nomination to the Ordinary of the Dioceſs of Connor, the Biſhop of the Dioceſs being then in England; and that the ſaid Rice Mathews ſhould receive a Licence for the ſaid Pariſhes, purſuant to the ſaid Nomination, from the ſaid Ordinary of Connor, viz. Dean Ward: That the ſaid Rice Mathews went to one Mr. George Lovell, Chancellor of the Dioceſs of Downe, and received from him Letters of Curacy for the Pariſh of Carncaſtle, only not inſerting the Pariſh of Ballycorr, but leaving a Blanck for the Words [Ballycorr, cum omnibus ſuis membris] according to this Reſpondent's Nomination, and former Letters of Curacy for the ſaid Pariſhes, there being then only one ſtanding Church for the ſaid Contiguous Pariſhes of Carncaſtle and Ballycorr, and the ſaid Members thereof; the old Churches or Chapels of Ballycorr, Ruſhee and Killoughter, being utterly ruinous, ever ſince the Inhabitants could remember. This Deponent further anſwering to the ſaid Article, ſaith, That the ſaid Letters of Curacy not being given to the ſaid Rice Mathews by the Ordinary of the Dioceſs of Connor, nor being under the Biſhops Hand and his Epiſcopal Seal, this Reſpondent then did conceive, and now doth conceive, that the ſaid Letters of Curacy were Scrowles; and that altho' this Reſpondent denies that this Reſpondent did fill up the ſaid Letters with the Words of [Ballycorr, cum omnibus ſuis membris,] yet this Reſpondent believes, that the ſaid Blanck was filled up with the Words aforementioned: And that in the Year of our Lord 1686, the Reverend John Mc Neal, Dean of Downe, pretending to hold a Viſitation for the Dioceſſes of Downe and Connor, at Lisburne, this Reſpondent knowing, that the ſaid Dean Mc Neal had no Commiſſion under the Hand and Seal of the Lord Biſhop impowering him to hold the ſaid Viſitation, proteſted againſt the ſame: Whereupon this Reſpondent was Indicted and Proſecuted at the Aſſizes in Carrickfergus 1686, upon pretence that this Reſpondent had forged the ſaid Letters of Curacy; but appearing there at the Tryal of the ſaid Forgery, that the ſaid Letters of Curacy were a Scrowle; and there being no proof that this Reſpondent had written or filled up the ſaid Blanck with the Words [Ballycorr, &c.] before mentioned: the Jury upon the Indictment againſt this Reſpondent returned their Verdict, finding this Reſpondent not guilty of forging the ſaid Letters of Curacy. To the reſt of the ſaid Article, this Reſpondent denieth the ſame to be true.

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DEPOSITIONS to the Sixth ARTICLE.

I. RIce Mathews, *Clericus. Ad ſextum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* came to this Deponent's Houſe at *Carncaſtle* about *May* 1686, and deſired this Deponent to let him have his this Deponents Letters of Curacy, which were for ſerving the Cures of *Carncaſtle* and *Killoughter*; which ſaid Letters of Curacy, this Deponent gave to the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*: And this Deponent being at a Viſitation held for the Dioceſs of *Connor*, about *October* 1686, went to demand the ſaid Letters of Curacy from the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*, which he the ſaid Archdeacon gave to this Deponent; but the ſaid Letters of Curacy were altered, ſome Words being razed out, and the Words [*Ballycorr* and *Ruſhee*] put in: Nor was this Alteration made with this Deponent's conſent or privity; to ſerve which Pariſhes, this Deponent was not Licenced by his ſaid Letters of Curacy, when they were granted to him. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

II. Johannes Mc Neal, *Decan.* Dunenſis. *Ad ſextum Articulum*, &c. That he has ſeen ſome of the Viſitation Books of the Dioceſs of *Downe*, which were in ſome places obliterated and altered, and as this Deponent verily believes, by the ſaid *Lemuel Mathews*; the Interlineations and Alterations ſo made, being the Hand writing of the ſaid *Mathews*, as this Deponent verily believes. This Deponent further ſaith, That at a Viſitation held in *Liſburne*, in or about the Year 1685, or 1686, to the beſt of this Deponent's remembrance, he, this Deponent, being then Viſitor, it was proved before him, this Deponent, and Mr. *George Lovell*, Joint Viſitor with this Deponent, That Letters of Curacy granted to *Rice Mathews*, for ſerving the Cure of *Carncaſtle*, and ſome other Pariſh, were razed in ſome parts, and filled up again with the Hand writing of the ſaid *Lemuel Mathews*, upon deſign, as this Deponent remembers, to defraud the ſaid *Rice Mathews* of ſome of his Sallary, and to put the Serving of another Cure upon him, which was not at firſt in the ſaid Letters of Curacy. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

III. Robertus Donnell *de* Ballymenagh, *Armig. ad ſextum Articulum*, &c. That ſeveral Years ago, (to the beſt of this Deponent's remembrance, it was about the Year 1685, or 1686) Mr. *Rice Mathews* had

had Letters of Curacy for ſome part of the Prebendary of *Carncaſtle*: That this Deponent ſaw the ſaid Letters of Curacy afterwards at a Viſitation, produced by the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*, and perceived a Razure therein, and ſome Pariſhes added, which the ſaid Archdeacon owned to be done with his own Hand; and this Deponent believes, the reaſon of the ſaid Corruption was to excuſe the ſaid Archdeacon from maintaining of a Curate in the ſaid Pariſhes, ſo added by him in the ſaid Letters. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

IV. Franciſcus Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gen.* *Ad ſextum Articulum*, &c. That this Deponent believes, that ſeveral of the Viſitation Books of the Dioceſs of *Downe*, have been altered or defaced by Archdeacon *Lamuel Mathews*, as this Deponent verily believes, for that the ſaid Alterations were made much for the ſaid Archdeacon's Advantage; to which Books for more certainty this Deponent refers himſelf: That in the Viſitation Books for the Year 1692, or 1693, there is an Alteration made by the Archdeacon's own Hand, in the Title of the ſaid Book; and that this Deponent was afraid to ſhew the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*, the Judge of the Court, any of the Records of the Conſiſtorial Court, this Deponent being Regiſter thereof, he the ſaid *Mathews* often uſing to keep ſuch of them as he got hold of; and particularly, this Deponent letting the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews* have the peruſal of the Subſcription-Roll, and a Preſentation to the Vicaridge of *Ballee*, he detains the ſame from this Deponent, and refuſed to let him this Deponent have them, tho' often demanded, and uſually kept in the Office. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

V. Randolphus Brice *de* Lisburne, *Armig.* *Ad ſextum Articulum*, &c. That at a Viſitation about the Year 1685, or 1686, as this Deponent was credibly informed, held at *Lisburne* before Dean *Mc Neal*, and Dean *Ward* for the Dioceſs of *Downe* and *Connor*, one *Rice Mathews*, Curate of *Carncaſtle*, under Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews*, complained, That his Letters of Curacy, or Licence, were vitiated by the ſaid Archdeacon: That the ſaid Dean *Mc Neale*, and Dean *Ward*, judging it a Matter cognizable at Common-Law, did, as this Deponent is informed, depoſite them in the Hands of *Francis Muſſenden*, Regiſter of *Downe*; that ſome time after, Sir *William Franklin* procuring the ſaid Letters of Curacy, or Licence, from the ſaid Mr. *Muſſenden*, promoted an Indictment againſt the ſaid *Lamuel Mathews*, at an Aſſize held at *Carrickfergus*: And that when the ſaid Archdeacon came to be charged therewith in Court, *Thomas Ward*, Dean of *Con-*

nor, at that time Chancellor of the Dioceſs of *Connor*, and one of the Viſitors as aforeſaid, appeared in Court, and affirmed, That the Viſiating, wherewith the ſaid Letters of Curacy or Licence was charged, was done by his the ſaid *Thomas Ward*'s Order and Authority; upon which Baron *Worth*, then one of the Judges of Aſſize, being unwilling to commit the Tryal thereof to a Jury, did call for the Indictment, and finding, as he ſaid, a Flaw in it, quaſhed the ſame, *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

Seventh ARTICLE *againſt Archdeacon* LEMUEL MATHEWS.

ITem, *Hi objicimus & Articulamur*, That you the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, did in the Month of *February* laſt paſt, ſend to *Richard Aldworth*, Eſq; Chief Secretary to the Lords Juſtices of this Kingdom, for Their Lordſhips Information, a Particular of ſeveral Eccleſiaſtical Benefices and Promotions in the Dioceſſes of *Downe* and *Connor*; and amongſt other things, of the Yearly value thereof, and in whoſe diſpoſal the Advowſon of the ſame were, which in moſt of the Particulars inſerted therein, is greatly, and much miſtaken; which Miſrepreſentation to Their Lordſhips (they being Their Majeſties immediate Repreſentatives in this Kingdom) you ſhould not have made, or did not become you to make. *Et objicimus & Articulamur ut ſupra & probare intendimus.*

ANSWER to the Seventh ARTICLE.

THis *Reſpondent ſaith, That the ſaid Lord Biſhop of* Downe *and* Connor *having received a Letter from Mr. Secretary* Aldworth, *by Command of the Lords Juſtices, Dated the 30th of* September *laſt, to make return amongſt other Things, of the Values of the ſeveral Livings in the Dioceſs of* Downe *and* Connor: *And the ſaid Lord Biſhop afterwards hearing, that the Lords Juſtices had waved that part of the Directions of returning the Values of the ſaid Livings, by this Reſpondent, wrote to the ſaid Secretary, whether or no it was their Pleaſure to omit that part of their Direction, and having no Anſwer thereto, the ſaid Ld.*

Bishop received a Letter from His Grace the Lord Primate of all Ireland, acquainting the said Lord Bishop, that the Lds. Justices had appointed Commissioners to visit the Estate Ecclesiastical of the said Dioceses; and that that Work would be suddenly set about; and thereupon the said Ld. Bishop conceived himself excused from proceeding in his Enquiries and Returns, especially as to the Directions of returning the real Values of the said Livings, mentioned in the Letter of September: *But upon the said Secretary's Letter of the 23th of* January *last, the said Lord Bishop was commanded forthwith to return a full and just account of the Estate of the said Dioceses, according to Their Lordships Directions in* September *aforesaid: The said Lord Bishop commanded this Respondent to return immediately what he thought was so earnestly required, viz. The Names and Valuations of those Livings in the said Dioceses, which had not been taxed in the King's Books, that the King might have a Supply of Money out of the same: This Respondent likewise conceiving that the Lords Visitors by Their Commissions, had power to Enquire of the Valuation, and to make Taxations thereupon; this Respondent informed the said Secretary, by Letter dated the 7th of* February *last, that the real Values of the said Livings could not be justly and fully done, without Advice of the several Incumbents of the Churches and the Church-wardens, before the Regal Visitation of the 22th of the said Month: But the said Lord Bishop being commanded forthwith to make a return thereof, in obedience to the said Letter, this Respondent sent up to the said Secretary, as this Deponent believes, a true, but a hasty and imperfect Draught of the Names of the Livings in the said Dioceses, with their respective esteemed Yearly Values,* Communibus Annis *which had not been rated on the Incumbents thereof, in the Register Books of First Fruits and Twentieth Parts; and the Advowsons thereof belonging to the Crown, taken out of several Papers and Memorandums, to be as some light to the said Visitors, in Enquiring, Valuing and Taxing the said Livings, when they came hither by vertue of their Commission, as this Deponent hath been informed, and verily believed. And to the rest of the said Article this Respondent denieth the same to be true.*

DEPOSITIONS to the Seventh ARTICLE.

1. RObert Hamilton, *Clericus, Ad septimum Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent waited on Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* in *November* last, at *Downe*, to the best of this Deponent's remembrance;

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and seeing some Papers lying before the said Archdeacon *Mathews*, which this Deponent understood to be Papers of a general concern to the Clergy, he this Deponent was allowed to peruse them; and found by reading them, that they were Returns of the Diocess of *Downe*, made in *Cromwell's* Time, which he, the said Archdeacon was perusing to get some help by them, to make a Return to the Lords Justices of this Kingdom, of the Present State of the said Diocess of *Downe*: And this Deponent did then give the said Archdeacon *Mathews* a particular Account of his Living, *viz.* That this Deponent held the Curacy of *Bangor* at 60*l. per Annum*, for Sallary from the Impropriator, and the Two Vicaridges of *Ballyhalbert* and *Inishargy*, worth 45 *l. per Annum*, which are in the Gift of Mr. *James Hamilton* of *Bangor*, Farmer, to His Grace the Lord Primate; notwithstanding which, the said Archdeacon *Mathews*, in the Return to the Lords Justices of the State of the said Diocesses of *Downe*, a Copy whereof this Deponent has seen, did Return the said Parish of *Bangor*, a Vicaridge vacant, worth about 150*l. per Annum*, in the King's Gift; and the Parishes of *Ballyhalbert* and *Inishargy*, worth 80*l. per Ann.* besides a Town-Land of Gleab in *Ballyhalbert*, and a Quarter Town-Land of Gleab in *Inishargy*; whereas this Deponent knows of no more than Sixteen Acres of Gleab belonging to *Ballyhalbert*, and knows of no Gleab belonging to *Inishargy*, tho' he hath made diligent Enquiry about it. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

II. Johannes Mc Neal, *Decan.* Dunen. *Ad septimum Articulum*, &c. That he has seen a Copy of the Return in the Article mentioned, and knows there are several Mistakes in the said Return, particularly in these following Instances; First it is said in the said Return, That the Advowson of the Livings in the said Return are all in the Crown; whereas most of them are in other Persons, and not in the Crown: The Rectories of *Killkelle*, *Killinegan*, and *Killcow*, being in Mr. *Bagnall*, who has always presented to the said Rectories; *Killaleagh* and *Killinchy* in the Presentation of Sir *Robert* and Mr. *James Hamilton*; *Donaghadee* in the Presentation of the Family of *Mount-Alexander*; and that several Parts and Parcels of Dignities, are in the said Return mentioned as being in the King, which belong to other Persons; and that the yearly Values of most of the said Livings, as this Deponent verily believes, are not truly returned. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

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III. Robertus Donnell *de* Ballymenagh, *Armiger*, *ad Septimum Articulum*, &c. That he ſaw a Paper, ſaid to be a Copy of a Return made by Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* to Secretary *Aldſworth*, in which there is a Valuation of ſeveral Livings, and an Account of ſeveral of the Advowſons of the Dioceſs of *Connor*, in which moſt of the Clergy are over-rated; in which Return, notwithſtanding this Deponent was Regiſter of *Connor*, he was not Conſulted. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

The Eighth ARTICLE againſt the ſaid Archdeacon LEMUEL MATTHEWS.

ITem tibi objicimus & Articulamur. That you are generally obſerved and reported to be of a Letigious Temper and Practice, and that you have Raiſed, Fomented, and Encouraged, ſeveral needleſs Quarrels, Contentions, and Strifes, between the Clergy and Laity; As alſo between diverſe of the Clergy of thoſe reſpective Dioceſſes of *Downe* and *Connor*, or at leaſt of one of them, during the time of your being Exerciſed or Employed in Management of the Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction thereof; and particularly, has procured, or endeavoured to procure, a Grant from the ſaid Biſhop of the Chancellors Place of *Connor*, or of a Part thereof, which belongs to another Perſon; and upon a Conteſt relating to the Juriſdiction of the ſame, did lately, in the Church of *Lisburn*, utter very Vile and Unſeemly Speeches, in the hearing of ſeveral Perſons, and have thereby, and by many other Ill Practices, during the time aforeſaid, given great Occaſion to many of the Nobility and Gentry of the ſaid reſpective Dioceſes, to withdraw their Aſſiſtance and Affection from the Service of the Church of *Ireland*, as it is by Law now Eſtabliſhed, when there was moſt Need and Occaſion for the ſame. *Et objicimus & Articulamur ut ſupra.*

ANSWER to the Eighth ARTICLE.

THat the ſaid Lord Biſhop, and this Reſpondent, believing that a pretended Commiſſion of Vicar Generalſhip in the Pariſhes of Lisburne, Belfaſt, *&c. are Granted in the Name of the ſaid Lord Biſhop, to* Randall Brice, *Eſq; and Exerciſed by Dean* Ward, *and of the Chancellorſhip*

cellorship of Connor, *were Invalid and Void, the right whereof is now depending in the Kings Courts. This Archdeacon conceives, that he did and lawfully might endeavour to procure a Grant thereof from the said Lord Bishop; and believeth that not any of the Nobility or Gentry of the said Dioceſſes withdrew their Aſſiſtances or Affection from the Church of* Ireland, *through any Occaſion given by this Reſpondent, or any Practices or Speeches of this Reſpondent, in the Exerciſing of his Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction in the ſaid Dioceſſes; and believeth that their Affections were not ſo real for the Church, as for their own ends, if they withdrew their Aſſiſtances or Affections from the Church, upon the Occaſion of this Reſpondents Ill Practices or Speeches, if it had been true. And to the reſt of the ſaid Article this Reſpondent denyeth the ſame to be true.*

DEPOSITIONS to the Eighth ARTICLE.

I. THomas Crawford *de* Belfaſt Cent. *Ad Octav. Articul.* &c. That about ſome Months ago this Deponent was in the Town of *Liſburne*, upon a Day that Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* held a Conſiſtorial Court for the Dioceſs of *Downe*, and *Thomas Ward* Dean of *Connor* came to this Deponent, and told him that the ſaid Archdeacon Encroached upon his, the ſaid *Ward*'s Juriſdiction, as Chancellor of *Connor*, by Citeing before him the ſaid *Mathews*, in the ſaid Conſiſtorial Court for *Downe*, ſeveral Inhabitants of the Dioceſs of *Connor*; particularly ſome of the Pariſhioners of *Maghregall*: And the ſaid Dean *Ward* delivered to this Deponent his Commiſſion, for the Chancellorſhip of *Connor*, deſiring him, this Deponent, to produce the ſame before the ſaid *Mathews* in the ſaid Court, which this Deponent did; and the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews* took it out of this Deponent's Hand, as if he had been only to look upon it, and flung it over to his Regiſter, ordering him to keep the ſame, which the ſaid Regiſter did; and this Deponent Reflecting upon ſuch undue Proceedings, the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews* ſpoke to this Deponent Paſſionately, and bid him hold his Tongue. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

II. Gulielmus Thompſon, *de* Belfaſt, Gent. *Ad Octav. Articulum*, &c. That about *September* laſt Mr. *Crawford* produced before the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews* a Parchment, alleadging that it was Dean *Wards* Commiſſion for Exerciſing the Juriſdiction of that Pariſh of *Belfaſt*, amongſt others, where the above named Perſons were Cited, and that they

they were not Subject to the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews* Juriſdiction; which ſaid Commiſſion the ſaid *Mathews* Snatched from the ſaid *Crawford*, and threw it to his Regiſter, and commanded him to ſecure it, and refuſed to Reſtore it again; and the ſaid Archdeacon uſed this Deponent with very Rough Language. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

III. Arthurus Maxwell *de* Drumbeg. Arm. *Ad Octav. Articulum.* That it is generally Obſerved and Reported, that Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* is of a Litigious Temper and Practice, and thereby has given Offence to many of the Nobility, Gentry, and Clergy, in the Dioceſs of *Downe* and *Connor*, having had Suits with many of them. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

IV. Johannes Johnſon, *de* Mallone, Gent. *Ad Octav. Articulum*, &c. That it is generally Obſerved and Reported, that Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* is of a Litigious Temper and Practice, and that he has put ſeveral of the Clergy and Gentry of *Downe*, to a great deal of Trouble, and diſobliged moſt of them. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

V. Georgius Lovel Junior, *Clericus. Ad Octavum Articulum*, &c. That it is generally Obſerved and Reported, that the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* is a Man of a Litigious Temper and Practice. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

VI. Jacobus Majore, *Clericus. Ad Octavum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* is Obſerved and Reported to be a Man of a Litigious Temper and Practice, and that he the ſaid *Mathews* encouraged this Deponent to go to Law with Two of the Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh of *Ballee*, about the Living of *Ballee*; telling this Deponent, that the Right of the Vicaridge of *Ballee* was in him this Deponent, and telling him that there was a Patent given by King *Charles* the Second, to *Roger*, Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor*, that he who had the actual Cure of Souls, in the Pariſhes of *Bright*, *Ballee*, and *Ballyculter*; was to have the Rectories of the ſaid Pariſhes for Serving the ſaid Cures, and that there was an Appeal and Inhibition granted upon it in this Deponents Cauſe, before this Deponent knew any thing of it; and that afterwards this Deponent appointed one Mr. *Burk*, to be his Proctor in the Proſecution of the ſaid Appeal before the Delegates; and *John Hart* gave this Deponent a Guinea to Fee the ſaid Mr. *Burke*, which Guinea this Deponent verily believes was the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*'s Money, the ſaid *John Hart* taking no Note, or demanding

any Promiſe for the Reſtitution thereof; which Guinea this Deponent took as a Gift; That this Deponent has a Suit yet in Chancery, depending between him and Dean *Mr. Neal*, wherein he, this Deponent, is Defendent; That this Defendent by the Advice of the Archdeacon *Mathews* aforeſaid, did put in an Anſwer and Croſs Bill, againſt the ſaid Dean of *Downe*, which ſaid Anſwer and Croſs Bill were Drawn by the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*, and Engroſed by *John Hart*: This Deponent further ſaith, that *John Hart* gave this Deponent Money ſeveral times to Fee his Lawyers, which Money this Deponent verily believes was the ſaid *Mathews*'s Money, and given to this Deponent without any Demand or Obligation for the Re-payment thereof: This Deponent further ſaith, that he ſaw the Copy of the Bill Dean *Mr. Neale* put in againſt him in Chancery, in Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* Chamber, but who paid for it this Deponent knows not, but believes that the ſaid Archdeacon did: This Deponent further ſaith, that he never gave to either Attorney, Councellor, or Clerk, concerned in the ſaid Cauſe for him, of this Deponent's own Money, above Two Cobbs, but gave *John Hart* Five Guineas, which Doctor *Mercer* gave this Deponent to give the ſaid *John Hart*, for which the ſaid Doctor *Mercer* demanded no Bill, or Note, or Promiſe from this Deponent, for the Reſtitution of the ſaid Money: This Deponent further ſaith, that a Proxy came from *Dublin* for this Deponent to Sign, which was brought to this Deponent by *Alexander Mercer* aforeſaid, which ſaid Proxy this Deponent Signed about *Autumn* was Twelve Months, but does not know in what Cauſe, or to what purpoſe the ſaid Proxy was, or when it was Dated: This Deponent further ſaith, that he told the ſaid *Mathews*, that he was Tyred of the ſaid Suite with Dean *Mr. Neale*, and would have it referred, but the ſaid *Mathews* told this Deponent, that his ſaid Cauſe was not Ripe for a Reference, and that this Deponent managed the ſaid Suite by the Advice and Aſſiſtance of the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere, ad hunc Articulum.*

VII. Alexander Mercer. *Ad Octavum Articulum*, &c. That he hath heard it Reported, that Archdeacon *Mathews* is a Man of a Litigious Temper and Practice; that this Deponent brought a Proxy to Mr. *Majore* to Sign, which was directed to Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Burke*, which the ſaid *Majore* readily Signed, the reaſon why the ſaid Proxy was at that time given, was becauſe Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* wrote to this Deponent, that the Dean of *Downe* had Wrote up to

Dublin,

Dublin, that the Suit in which Mr *Majore* was concerned, was carried on without the said *Majore*'s Consent or Knowledge, and this Deponent verily believes that he received the said Letter from the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, after the Inhibition was Granted by the Delegates upon *Majore*'s Appeal: That Two Appeals came from *Dublin* to this Deponent, in a Letter from *John Hart*; that he shewed them to Mr *Majore*, and Mr *Gordon*, the Parties concerned, who seemed to be very well Satisfied therewith, and he, this Deponent, paid for the Postage of the same, but never demanded or expected any Restitution from the said *Majore*, and *Gordon*. This Deponent further saith, that the said *Mathews* gave this Deponent Five Guineas to give Mr. *Majore*, which he this Deponent gave to Mr *Majore*. This Deponent further saith, that Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* gave this Deponent a Bond of a Hundred Pound, the Condition of which Bond is,

'THat whereas *James Majore*, Clark, is, and hath been, since the 'Month of *June* 1691, the Rightful Collated, Instituted, and 'Inducted Vicar of the Vicaridge of *Ballee*, in the Diocess and Coun-'ty of *Downe*, and having been in the Quiet possession of the Church 'of *Ballee* aforesaid, and having performed what the Law required, to 'compleat the said *James Majore*, as Vicar of the said Vicaridge of '*Ballee*, and having Sued *John Crawford*, and *James Kelly*, Two Inha-'bitants of the Parish of *Ballee* aforesaid, in the Consistorial Court 'of the said Diocess, for Detention or Subtraction of Vicarial Tythes, 'arising and becoming due in the said Parish, to the said *James Majore*, 'as Vicar thereof. And whereas the said *John Crawford*, and *James* 'Kelly, have Interposed their Appeals in the said Court, and have pro-'cured Prohibitions from their Majesties Court of *King's-Bench* in *Dub-'lin*, to stop the Proceedings of the said Consistorial Court in the said 'Suits; and that thereupon the above bounden *Lemuel Mathews* hath 'Sequestred the Vicarial Tythes of the said Parish of *Ballee*, into the 'Hands of the above mentioned *Alexander Merter*, as Sequestrator 'and Collector of the said Tythes, during the Dependency of the said 'Suits; and hath given Bond duly and justly to perform the Office 'of a Sequestrator of the said Tythes and Parish, as the Law in like 'Cases required: If then the above bounden *Lemuel Mathews* shall 'now, and at all times hereafter, during the said Sequestration, 'Indemnifie and keep Harmless the said *Alexander Merter*, in all 'Costs and Damage which have, or shall ensue and happen to the 'said *Alexander Merter*, for his lawful performance of the said Office

as Sequestrator, as aforesaid, then, &c. Which Bond is Dated the Fourteenth Day of *March* 1691.

This Deponent hath heard the said Archdeacon *Mathews* say, that he the said *Mathews* was called Litigious, because he kept Poor Clergymen from being Oppressed by Great Men: And further said, that as Vicar General of the Diocess of *Downe*, he was obliged to see Right done them: That after this Deponent was made Sequestrator as aforesaid, the said Archdeacon *Mathews* did advise this Deponent to be Church-Warden of the said Parish of *Ballee*, that he this Deponent might see the Church of the said Parish Repaired, and the Duty duly performed in the said Church. *Et alterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

VIII. Jacobus Ecelin, *Cler. Ad octavum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* is generally observed to be a Man of a Litigious Temper & Practice; and this Deponent verily believes he is so, and that many Persons in the Country are afraid of his vexing them with Suits: And that this Deponent verily believes, that he has encouraged several Quarrels and Law-Suits, and particularly between Dr. *Heylin* and this Deponent, to whom he, the said *Mathews* gave a Paper in his own Hand-writing, as this Deponent verily believes; which Paper was like the Advice of a Lawyer: But the said Dr. *Heylin* told this Deponent, That he would not be Archdeacon *Mathews*'s Blood-hound, and would not go to Law with this Deponent; and that he afterwards encouraged Mr. *Francis* (as this Deponent verily believes) to give Trouble to this Deponent about the Rectories of *Ballymartin* and *Ballywalter*. *Et alterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

IX. David Maxwell, *Cleric. Ad octavum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* is observed and reported to be a Man of a Litigious Temper and Practice; and that it is reported, That he has in his own Name, or other Peoples, Nineteen or Twenty Suits now, or lately depending; and that he encouraged Mr. *Gordon* and Mr. *Majore* to Sue the Dean of *Downe*: That he encouraged Dr. *Heylin* first, then Mr. *Stafford Lightburne*, to take out Tithes to the Prebendary of *Talpeston*, pretending several Livings belonged to the said Prebendary, which have been time out of mind in the quiet Possession of other People; he the said Archdeacon also endeavoured to perswade this Deponent, to take out Titles to the said Prebendary, which would have given great Disturbance to many People; and likewise endeavoured

deavoured the same with Mr. *Hans Mc Gomery*, as the said *Mc Gomery* told this Deponent, and at last prevailed with Mr. *Manett* to take out Titles to the said Prebendary, and gave him Institution and Induction thereto, after it was commonly believed that the Bishop of *Downe* and *Connor* had recalled the Commission granted to the said Archdeacon *Mathews* for that purpose. *Et ulterius nescit deponere ad hunc Articulum.*

X. Richardus Pitts, *de* Lisburne, *Ad octavum Articulum &c.* That some time within this Half Year, a Contest hapened between Dean *Ward*, and Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, in the Church at *Lisburne*; and Dean *Ward* saying he was Advocate for one *Farely*, to the best of Deponent's remembrance, and would speak for him the said *Farely*; whereupon the said Archdeacon *Mathews* admonished the said Dean *Ward* thrice to hold his Tongue, upon pain of Excommunication; and the said Dean *Ward* would not hold his Tongue, but said, that the Archdeacon was an impudent Fellow, and a Beast for threatning to Excommunicate him. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

XI. Robertus Hamilton, *Clericus*, *Ad octavum Articulum*, &c. That it is generally observed and reported, that Archdeacon *Mathews* is a Man of a Litigious Temper and Practice, and this Deponent knows him to be so, he having put this Deponent to about 40 *l.* Charge in a Law-suit, commenced by bringing a *Quare impedit*, for denying this Deponent's Institution to *Ballyballert*, and *Inishargy*, on the Presentation of the Lawful Patron; which Institution this Deponent could not obtain till the Bishop of *Downe* and *Connor* came over into this Kingdom; who speedily gave this Deponent Institution, being satisfied of his this Deponent's Right to the said Living. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

XII. Archibold Hamilton, *de* Killhall, *Generos. Ad octavum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, as this Deponent hath heard, did Sett the Tythes of the Parish of *Drumbo* to one Mr. *Farely*; which Lease the said Archdeacon refused to make good to the said *Farely*, after the Troubles in this Kingdom, but for what reason this Deponent doth not know: The said Archdeacon Sett the said Tythes afterwards to Mr. *Watten* for a Year, or employed him to collect them; he Sett them for another Year to one *Keiton*, and *Magee* of *Hillsborrough*, and for the Year 1693 to this Deponent. This Deponent further saith, That he this Deponent put Eight Persons, of the said Parish of *Drumboe*, into the Consistorial Court of

Downe,

Downe, for not paying their Tythes to this Deponent; they having paid them to the said Bevely, who set up his Pretences, and maintained a long Law-suit with the said Archdeacon about the said Tythes; but this Deponent being unwilling to trouble so many Persons, he let the Suit fall against Six of them, and Sued only Two, he being informed that the Decree made against Two of the Persons, would prevail with all the rest to submit; but it was said and alledged that this Deponent had let the Cause fall, and as this Deponent hath heard, a Dismis was granted to the said Two Persons, tho' there were but Two Court Days after the Cause was instituted, when the said Dismis was granted; and thereupon the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* sent to this Deponent a Bill of Cost, which made to about 23 li. for the Deponent to pay for Costs in the said Cause; and the said Archdeacon gave this Deponent very High words. *Et alterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

XIII. Hans Mongomery *de* Greabby, *Clericus. Ad octavum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* is generally famed and reported to be a Man of a litigious Temper and Practice; and that he this Deponent knows him to have encouraged some needless Contentions between the Clergy and the Laity, and particularly between Sir *Robert Hamilton* and *James Hamilton* of *Bangor* Esq; who were equally concerned about the Prebendary of *Talpestown*, alias *Ballyhalbert*, as the said Archdeacon termed it, which Contention the said *Mathews* occasioned. That Archdeacon *Mathews* aforesaid, did in *November* 1692, or thereabouts, advise and press this Deponent to take out Tythes to the Prebendary of *Talpestown* aforesaid; and told, when this Deponent objected, that he this Deponent was wholly a Stranger to the matter, and it was likely to put him this Deponent to great Expence in a Law-suit; whereupon the said Archdeacon *Mathews* endeavoured by many Arguments to make the said Matter appear feazable, and withal told him, this Deponent, that Money should not be wanting in carrying on a Law-suit about the said Prebendary of *Talpestown*. *Et alterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

XIV. Johannes Mc Neal, *Decan. Ad octavum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* is observed and reputed to be a Man of a litigious Temper and Practice; and that he has fomented and encouraged several Contentions, Strifes, and Suits, between several of the Clergy of the Diocess of *Downe* and *Connor*; and particularly between this Deponent, and *David Gordon*, and *James Majort*,

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and the said *Major* and *Gardiner* told this Deponent and others, that the said *Mathews* would carry on the Suit against this Deponent for them: And this Deponent has seen Letters of the said *Mathews*'s, to the Bishop of *Down* and *Connor*, acknowledging that he had been concerned in carrying on and managing the said Suit for *Major*, against this Deponent, at his own Cost and Charges; and that the said *Samuel Mathews* did procure a Grant from the said Bishop of the Chancellorship of the Diocess, upon false Suggestions, (as the said Bishop told this Deponent) he the said *Samuel Mathews* having told the said Bishop, That Dean *Ward*, who then was Chancellor of the said Diocess of *Connor*, did not look after the Jurisdiction of the said Diocess, and therefore it was void. And this Deponent further saith, That the Behaviour of the said *Samuel Mathews*, in the Church at *Lisburne*, in the Year 1693, contending with Dean *Ward* for the Jurisdiction of the Diocess of *Connor*, did give great Offence to many, as they have told this Deponent. *Et alterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

XV. Josephus Wilkins, *Decan.* Cledgheren. *Ad decimum Articulum*, &c. That he was present in the Church at *Lisburne* about half a Year ago, when there happened some Difference between *Samuel Mathews* and Dean *Ward*, about their Jurisdiction; and that thereupon they Admonished one another, *prima & secunda Vice*; but Archdeacon *Samuel Mathews* Admonished Dean *Ward* the first time. *Et alterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

XVI. Johannes Winder, *Clericus*, *Ad Decimum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Samuel Mathews* is generally Reported and Observed to be of a Litigious Temper, and that he often endeavoured and entreated this Deponent, to take a Presentation from the King, to the Livings of *Ballybiny*, and *Ballymaltor*; and he believes *Ballymartin*, which hath been known to be in the Presentation of my Lord *Donnegall*, and that when this Deponent did Represent to the said Archdeacon, that it would Engage him in a Law Suit with Potent Persons, and that he had not Money to carry on the said Suit, the said Archdeacon replyed, that he had as little Money as this Deponent when he began his Law Suit, yet then had weathered many a Point, or words to that Effect. And this Deponent further Deposeth, that Mr. *Arwin* told this Deponent, that she took out a Patent for the aforesaid Living by the said Archdeacon's Advice. And further, Mr. *Lightburne* told this Deponent, that the said Archdeacon had likewise

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adviſed him to take out a Patent for the aforeſaid Livings; and he was likewiſe told, that he perſwaded Mr. *Francis* to take out a Patent for the Prebendary of *Talpeſtown*: And Mr. *Lightburne* told this Deponent, that he likewiſe adviſed him to take out a Patent for the ſaid Prebendary of *Talpeſtown*, and aſſured them that the aforeſaid Livings, and the ſaid Prebendary of *Talpeſtown*, were in the King's Gift. This Deponent further ſaith, that he this Deponent was appointed Surrogate by Dean *Ward*, Chancellor of the Dioceſs of *Connor*, and took the Oath of Surrogate before the Mayor of *Carrickfergus*, and Acted as Surrogate after Dean *Ward* went for *England*, in the Year 1691: That a little while after the ſaid Dean *Ward* was gone, Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* asked this Deponent by what Commiſſion he Acted, who anſwered, that he had no Commiſſion, but took the Oath of Surrogate; but ſoon after the ſaid Archdeacon did in Open Court, in the Church of *Liſburne*, declare, that this Deponent had no Authority to meddle with the Juriſdiction, and did then, and there, forbid him to Act any further, but that he the ſaid Archdeacon did afterwards Exerciſe the Juriſdiction himſelf, through the Dioceſs of *Connor*, without Summoning the ſaid Dean; and this Deponent was told, and does believe, that the ſaid Archdeacon had a Dormant Commiſſion lying by him at the ſaid time, to Exerciſe the ſaid Juriſdiction: And this Deponent further ſaith, that the ſaid Archdeacon did diſturb Dean *Ward* in the Exerciſe of his Juriſdiction in *Killaltagh* and *Belfaſt*, which before the ſaid Dean held peaceably, and Enjoyed the ſame for ſome Years. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

XVII. Robertus Donnell *de* Ballymenagh, *Arm. Ad Octavum Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent has known Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* about Twenty Five Years, and has known him to be Reputed a Litigious Perſon, and to have encouraged needleſs Law Suits amongſt the Clergy, and alſo betwixt the Clergy and the Laiety; and notwithſtanding that, Dean *Ward* is Chancellor of *Connor*, by Commiſſion during Life, and never was Legally Evicted, yet the ſaid Archdeacon about the Year 1691, got a Commiſſion to be Chancellor of the ſaid Dioceſs, purſuant to which, he Executed the Juriſdiction thereof for ſeveral Months, notwithſtanding Seven Pariſhes in *Killaltagh* and *Belfaſt*, was ſeperated from the Juriſdiction of the Dioceſs of *Downe*, and were granted by a particular Commiſſion to *Randal Brice*, Eſq; during Life, as this Deponent remembers; yet the ſaid Archdeacon Encroached upon the Juriſdiction of the ſaid Seven Pariſhes,

Parishes, which occasioned several Debates, and Hot Words, and Quarrels, between the said Archdeacon and Dean *Ward*, in the Church or Chapel of *Lisburne*, to the great Offence of all People, and rendered the Jurisdiction Contemptible. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

XVIII. Franciscus Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gener. Ad Octavum Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent does believe that the said Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* is of a Litigious Temper and Practice, and that he has Fomented and Encouraged several Quarrels and Strifes between some of the Clergy of the Diocess of *Downe*, particularly between Dean *Mr. Neyl*, Mr. *James Majore*, and Mr. *David Gordon*; his cause of belief is, that several Suits were concerned in the Consistorial Court of *Downe*, against some of the Parishioners of *Ballee*, at the Instance of the said *James Majore*, as Vicar thereof; that during the time of the said Suits continued, no Fees were paid by the Plaintiff, or by any other upon his Account to the Officers of the Court, the said Archdeacon encouraging the said *Majore* in the said Suits: That the said Dean of *Downe* came in as a party Intervening, pretending a right to the said Vicaridge of *Ballee*; that the said Dean made Suggestions in the Courts above, and obtained Prohibitions, which Prohibitions the said Dean shewed to this Deponent: That this Deponent, being in *Dublin*, when the Suggestions were made, in order to obtain the aforesaid Prohibitions, to stop the Suits in the Ecclesiastical Court, commenced by the said *Gordon* and Mr. *Majore*, or Doctor *Mercer*, who was Sequestrator of *Ballee* Pendentalite. The said Archdeacon *Mathews* gave to this Deponent a Guinea, to Engage Councellor *Donnellan* to oppose the obtaining the said Prohibition; which Guinea this Deponent gave to Mr. *Donnellan*, who accordingly appeared for the said *Majore* and *Gordon*, against the said Dean: That *David Gordon* obtained from the said Archdeacon a Sequestration upon the Tythes of *Ballyculter*; That the said Dean obtained from the Bishop of *Downe* and *Connor* Relaxations of the Sequestrations: That the said Archdeacon, or some by his Direction, Interposed Appeals from the granting the said Relaxations, the said *Majore* and *Gordon* not knowing thereof, as this Deponent verily believes; for that the said Archdeacon sent the said Appeal inclosed in a Letter from *Dublin* to this Deponent, and ordered that some of the Parishioners of *Ballee* should be entered in the Ecclesiastical Court: That this Deponent hath seen the said Archdeacon guilty of several Indecencies in the Court, and saw the said Archdeacon take from Mr. *Crawford* a Parchment, which contained a Com-

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miſſion for exerciſing of the Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction of the Parishes of *Killultagh* and *Belfaſt*, as alſo an Aſſignment of the ſame to Mr. Dean *Ward*: And alſo he the ſaid Archdeacon took an Admonition which belonged to the Widow *Garnett*, and ordered this Deponent to keep them, which this Deponent accordingly did, and has them to this Day. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

XIX. Rodolphus Brice, *de* Lisburne, *Armig. Ad Octavum Articulum*, &c. That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* has been concerned in many Law Suits ſince he came to be concerned in the Church; and that he had Law Suits, particularly, with *Arthur*, the Old Earl of *Donnegall*, my Lord *Maſſareen*, the Earl of *Longford*, Sir *William Franklin*, and lately had Debates with the Dean of *Downe* and *Connor*, and Mr. *Hugh Farely*, which were always (as he pretended) for the Right of the Church. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

XX. Johannes Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gener. Ad Octavum Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent has ſeen a Commiſſion granted to Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* of the Chancellors place of *Connor*, but this Deponent knows not the Date of it; that he knows that the ſaid Archdeacon went as Judge a Circuit, by virtue of the ſaid Commiſſion, through the Dioceſs of *Connor*, ſometime ſince the Year 1690: That this Deponent knows that there was great Contention between the ſaid Archdeadon *Lemuel Mathews* and Dean *Ward*, about the Juriſdiction of ſome part of the Dioceſs of *Downe* and *Connor*, viz. *Lisburne*, *Killultagh*, *Belfaſt*, and other places adjacent; and that many Indecent things, prejudicial to the Juriſdiction, had happened between them; the one diſcharging the People from appearing, and the other requiring their appearance; that at laſt the ſaid Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* did bring an Injunction from *Dublin*, and thruſt the ſaid Dean *Ward* out of the Judgment-Seat, and the ſaid Dean *Ward* ſpoke ſome words upon the ſaid Archdeacons ſaying, that he would Excomunicate him. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

Ninth ARTICLE *against Archdeacon* LEMUEL MATHEWS.

Item tibi objicimus & Articulamur. That it is publickly famed and reported, that you have in many Instances, that will hereafter appear in proof upon these Articles, so misbehaved your self to the disadvantage of the Church, and to divers of the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry, and Commonalty, of the said Dioceſſes of *Downe* and *Connor*, or at leaſt of ſuch of the ſaid Dioceſſes as you had power to exerciſe Juriſdiction in, that you have given general and great Offence to very many, of all Degrees and Ranks of Perſons, in the ſaid reſpective Dioceſſes, or one of them, during the time of your being amongſt them; and of your exerciſe of your Power or Juriſdiction in the ſame, and in and by the courſe of your Eccleſiaſtical Proceedings therein. *Et objicimus & Articulamur ut ſupra, & probare intendimus.*

ANSWER to the Ninth ARTICLE.

THis Reſpondent denyeth that this Reſpondent gave any juſt cauſe of Offence to any Perſons within the ſaid Dioceſs, during his exerciſing the Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction thereof; but ſince there having been, and now are many Concealments, and of Eccleſiaſtical Rights belonging to the Crown and Church, in the ſaid Dioceſſes, by ſome Clergy and Laity; and this Reſpondent being employed to make Enquiries and Diſcoveries thereof, and many and great Perſons therein ſuſpected guilty, this Reſpondent confeſſeth, that he is ill ſpoken of, and hated for ſpeaking and doing for the Truth, and endeavouring to oblige Men to render to GOD, the Things that are GOD's, and to *Cæſar* the Things that are *Cæſars*. *And further this Reſpondent referring him to his Anſwer to the ſaid Firſt Article, to the reſt of the Ninth Article, denieth the ſame to be true.*

DEPOSITIONS to the Ninth ARTICLE.

I. JOhannis Johnſton *de* Mallone, *Gener. Ad Nonum Articulum*, &c. That the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews* has given offence to ſeve-

ral Perſons in the exerciſing the Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction of the Diocеſs of *Downe*; and particularly in a Cauſe, wherein one *Magee* was cited to appear, who did not appear during the Seſſion of the Court, but came to the Archdeacon's Chamber about Two Hours after Court, and deſired his Appearance might be accepted, as was acknowledged in the next Court; in which next Court he was after much diſpute, admitted as *rectus in Curia*, and conſtituted his Proctor *viva voce* in open Court; and a Rule was made that he ſhould have a Copy of the Libel, and he the ſaid *Magee* ſhould Anſwer the next Court-Day; notwithſtanding which, there was no Libel exhibited, and the Rule of Court was altered thus; That he the ſaid *Magee* ſhould purge his Contempt the next Cout, or ſhould be Excommunicated; but whether one, or both, this Deponent doth not now remember. This Deponent further ſaith, That it has been uſual for the ſaid *Mathews* to Cite Perſons into the ſaid Court, and after he had detained and troubled them therein, he would exhibit no Libel, but let the Cauſe fall. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

II. Georgius Lovell, *Jun. Clericus. Ad Nonum Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent took out Letters of Curacy, and at the ſame time, as this Deponent remembers, the ſaid *Lemuel Mathews*, obliged him this Deponent to take out a Licence to Preach; for which Letters of Curacy, and which Licence, he made this Deponent pay above Forty Shillings. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

III. Jacobus Ecclin, *Cleric. Ad Nonum Articulum*, &c. That during the Commiſſion from the Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor*, to Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* to exerciſe the Juriſdiction of both Dioceſſes of *Downe* and *Connor*, the ſaid *Mathews* demanded and received from this Deponent about 2 *l.* 3 *s.* for Letters of Curacy to one Pariſh, and 14 *l.* 10 *s.* or thereabouts, for Inſtitution to two Vicaridges. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

IV. Robertus Hamilton, *Cleric. Ad Nonum Articulum*, &c. That he this Deponent believes, that he the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews* has miſbehaved himſelf in the management of the Juriſdiction of the Dioceſs of *Downe*, there being two Perſons, *viz. Robert Ban*, Jun. and *Mary Anderſon*, of the Pariſh of *Bangor*, preſented by the Church-Wardens of the ſaid Pariſh, to the Conſiſtorial Court of the Dioceſs of *Downe*, whereof he the ſaid *Mathews* was Judge, for Fornication; one of which Perſons, namely, *Mary Anderſon*, was Proſecuted, and Sentenced to do Pennance, which accordingly ſhe did; but *Robert Ban*, the other

Perſon

Perſon preſented, was not Proſecuted; tho' this Deponent and the Church-Wardens of the ſaid Pariſh, wrote a Letter to the ſaid Archdeacon *Mathews*, after the ſaid *Anderſon* was Sentenced as aforeſaid, repreſenting to the ſaid *Mathews* the inconvenjency of not Proſecuting the ſaid *Bun*, as well as the ſaid *Anderſon*; and deſired him the ſaid Archdeacon to do it, but he the ſaid Archdeacon never yet Proſecuted the ſaid *Bun* for the ſaid Crime, as this Deponent has heard of, which has given great offence to the Pariſhioners, they complaining of the Partiality of the Court, and the encreaſe of Vice for want of ſuch Proſecution. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

V. Hans Mc Gomery *de* Greabby, *Clericus*. *Ad Nonum Articulum*, &c. *Lemuel Mathews* hath given offence to ſome of the Nobility of the Dioceſſes of *Downe* and *Connor*, in the exerciſe of the Juriſdiction committed to him; and particularly he this Deponent hath heard the Earl of *Mount-Alexander* ſay, *That he did verily believe he never would have medled with Mr.* David Maxwell *in reference to his Curacy of* Cumber, *had it not been to have prejudiced* (him the ſaid Lord *Mount-Alexander*) *his Priviledge of Peerage*. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

VI. Johannes Mc Neal, *Decan.* Dunen. *Ad Nonum Articulum*, &c. That he the ſaid *Lemuel Mathews* has given general and great Offence, (as may appear by what he has already depoſed) to all the Nobility, moſt of all the Clergy and Gentry, and very many of all Ranks and Degrees of Perſons in the ſaid Dioceſſes of *Downe* and *Connor*, by his Behaviour and Ill-management of Affairs in the ſaid Dioceſſes. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

VII. Joſeph Wilkins, *Decan.* Clogheren. *Ad Nonum Articulum*, &c. That he has heard that ſome of the Nobility, and Gentry, of the Dioceſs of *Downe* and *Connor*, and particularly the Earls of *Longford*, and *Mount-Alexander*, have taken offence at the ſaid *Lemuel Mathews*'s Management of the Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction of the Dioceſs of *Downe* and *Connor*. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum neſcit deponere.*

VIII. Johannes Winder, *Clericus*. *Ad Nonum Articulum*, &c. That he knows that Archdeacon *Lemuel Matthews* has given great offence to the Nobility, Gentry and Clergy of thoſe Dioceſſes, particularly to my Lord *Longford*, Lord *Dunnegall*, Lord *Maſſareen*, and my Lord *Mount-Alexander*, by his Law-ſuits, and other Managements. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

IX. Robertus

IX. Robertus Donnell *de* Ballimenagh, *Armig.* *Ad Nonum Articulum*, &c. That the said Archdeacon *Samuel Mathews*, by his being concerned in the Jurisdiction of the Dioceses of *Downe* and *Connor*, has given great Offence to several of the Clergy and Laity, and to most of the Nobility of the said Dioceses; that he has been oppressive to several of the Clergy, by exacting extraordinary Fees, and particularly to the said Archdeacon's own Curate, Mr. *Mc Querne*, from whom he exacted 4*l.* for his Letters of Curacy; tho' this Deponent considering the said Mr. *Mc Querne*'s Poverty, did forgive him the Registers Fees due for the said Letters. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

X. Franciscus Wotton *de* Lisburne, *Gener.* *Ad Nonum Articul.* &c. That the said Archdeacon has given general and great Offence to many of the Nobility, Clergy, and Gentry, of the said Dioceses of *Downe* and *Connor*, particularly, to the Earl of *Mount-Alexander*, and Lord *Massareene*, and to several of the *Hamiltons* of the Dioceses of of *Downe*, and to the Dean of *Downe*, Mr. *David Maxwell* and Mr. *Robert Hamilton*, and to many others. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

XI. Randolphus Brice *de* Lisburne, *Armig.* *Ad Nonum Articulum*, &c. That he the said Archdeacon *Mathews*, has given Offence to the Nobility, and Considerable Gentry, of these Dioceses, by his Law-suits and Court of Audience, and to the Clergy of the said Dioceses, by his return of the Livings to Secretary *Aldworth*. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

ARTICLES

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AGAINST

Mr. Philip Mathews,

At the Regal

VISITATION,

1693.

The First ARTICLE *against Mr.* Philip Mathews, *together with the said* Philip's ANSWER, *and the* DEPOSITIONS *of Witnesses, so far as they tend to shew, That Archdeacon* Lemuel Mathews *gave Two Hundred Pounds to Archdeacon* Baynard, *to Resign the Archdeaconry of* Connor *to the said* Philip.

ARTICLE.

Tibi objicimus & Articulamur. That you the said *Philip Mathews* Clerk, Archdeacon of *Connor* aforesaid, well knowing that the Buying and Selling of Ecclesiastical Promotions and Livings, is by the Thirty Fifth Canon of the Church of *Ireland* declared to be Execrable before God; as also that the Sin of Simony is Detestable, and that the undue procuring or obtaining any Ecclesiastical Dignity,

nity, Promotion, or Living in the Church of *Ireland*, is againſt the Laws and Conſtitutions Eccleſiaſtical of Force in the ſaid Kingdom; did nevertheleſs, in the Year 1690, or the Year 1691, or in ſome one of the Months of the ſaid Years, by indirect Means, unduly Procure or Obtain a Reſignation of the ſaid Archdeaconry of *Connor* from Mr. *John Baynard*, the laſt Archdeacon thereof immediatly before you: And as is publickly Famed and Reported, you did by your ſelf, or ſome other Perſon did in your behalf, with, or without your Knowledge, or with, or without your Conſent, Contract, or Promiſe to pay a conſiderable Sum of Money to the ſaid *Baynard*, for, and in Conſideration of his Reſignation of the ſaid Benefice, or Promotion Eccleſiaſtical, of the ſaid Archdeaconry of *Connor*; ſo that you might be Collated unto the ſame by Doctor *Thomas Hacket*, the preſent Biſhop of the ſaid Dioceſs; and that you being upon ſuch Reſignation ſo Collated to the ſame, in one of the Months of the Years aforeſaid, by the ſaid Lord Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor*, either you, or ſome other Perſon for, and in your behalf, did Satisfie and Pay, or perform ſuch Contract or Promiſe, ſince your Collation to the ſaid Archdeaconry, by paying Two Hundred Pounds, or at leaſt One Hundred Pounds to the ſaid *John Baynard*, or his Order, for, and in conſideration of the ſaid Reſignation, or ſome greater or leſſer Sum, as is generally Famed and Reported; As alſo that the ſaid Lord Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor* had ſome conſiderable Sum of Money, or ſome other Perſon to his uſe, paid by you, or ſome other Perſon, for, or in your behalf, to him, or them, or ſome other valuable Conſideration given, or paid to him, or them, for his the ſaid Biſhop of *Downe* and *Connor*'s Collation of you to the ſaid Archdeaconry, as is generally and publickly Famed and Reported. *Et objicimus & Articulamur, ut ſupra, & probare intendimus.*

Mr. PHILIP MATHEWS's *ANSWER to the Firſt ARTICLE.*

THis Reſpondent ſaith, That he well knows that the Buying and Selling of Eccleſiaſtical Promotions and Livings, is by the 35th Canon of the Church of Ireland, *declared to be Execrable before GOD; as alſo that the Sin of Simony is deteſtible; and that the undue procuring or obtaining Eccleſiaſtical Dignity, Promotion, or Living in the Church of* Ireland,

Ireland, *is againſt the Laws and Conſtitutions Eccleſiaſtical of Force in the ſaid Kingdom. And to all the reſt of the ſaid Articles this Reſpondent Anſwereth not, but that he denieth the ſame to be true.*

Mr. *Philip Mathews's* ANSWER to the Second ARTICLE, by which it appears, That tho' his Uncle *Lemuel Mathews* had Bought the Archdeaconry of *Connor* for the ſaid *Philip*, yet he gave him the Oath of Simony, and by the Depoſitions, that made him pay the Money afterwards.

This Reſpondent ſaith, That at the time of his being Collated to the ſaid Archdeaconry, the Oath of Simony contained in the ſaid 35th Canon was adminiſtred to him, and he willingly took the ſaid Oath in preſence of the Reverend Lemuel Mathews, *Archdeacon of* Downe, *Mr.* Robert Harvey, *Schoolmaſter of* Lisburne, *and Mr.* George Rogers *of* Lisburne *aforeſaid; but knoweth not how the Teſtimonial of his taking the ſaid Oath came to be left out of the Inſtrument of the ſaid Collation, and denieth that it was left out for the Ends in the ſaid Article mentioned; which Collation, though not Regiſtred by the Regiſter of* Connor, *being then abſent, was allowed as good at the Primatial and Annual Viſitations, ever ſince the Date thereof, being not written by this Reſpondent, but by Archdeacon* Lemuel Mathews, *who made no Agreement or Contract for procuring the ſaid Archdeaconry, that this Reſpondent knoweth or believeth.*

DEPOSITIONS *to the* Firſt Article *againſt Mr.* Philip Mathews.

I. ANdreas Mathews, *Clericus. Ad Primum Articulum*, &c. that he hath heard, and doth believe, that there was a Reſignation obtained from Mr. *John Baynard*, in one of the Years in the Articles mentioned, but by whom certainly knows not, ſave only that he hath heard, that it was obtained by Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews*, and that ſince the Regal Viſitation, he hath heard from Mr. *Jaſper Brett* and Others, that there was Two Hundred Pounds promiſed to the ſaid *John Baynard* for the ſaid Reſignation, by the ſaid *Lemuel Mathews*, and a Bond given for the ſame; and that he has heard likewiſe, that the ſaid Mr. *Baynard* Drew a Bill of One Hundred Pounds upon the ſaid

Lemuel Mathews, but whether it was paid or not, knows not. *Et ulterius ad hunc Articulum nescit deponere.*

II. Lemuel Mathews *Archidiaconus*. *Ad Primum Articulum, &c.* That in the Year 1691, there was a Resignation of the Archdeaconry of *Connor*, voluntarily made by *John Baynard*, in the presence of a publick Notary, unto the Lord Bishop of *Downe* and *Connor*, without any Consideration for the same, to have been made with the Knowledge, Privity, or Consent of the said *Philip Mathews*, in the Articles mentioned; this Deponent protesting always, of not accusing himself in relation to any of the matters Articulate, says, that he believes that the said *Philip Mathews* did not by any indirect means, unduly procure the said Resignation from the said *John Baynard*, and does not know, nor believe, that the said *Philip* did by himself, or any other Person with his the said *Philip*'s Consent or Knowledge, Contract or Promise to pay any Sum of Money to the said *Baynard*, in Consideration of his said Resignation, and under the said Protestation of not accusing himself: * He further Deposes, that the said *Philip* did not by any other Person, without his the said *Philip*'s Privity or Consent, Contract, or Promise to pay, any Sum of Money to the said *John Baynard*, for, and in consideration of his Resignation as aforesaid, so that he the said *Philip* might be Collated unto the same by Doctor *Thomas Hacket*, then Bishop of *Downe* and *Connor*; nor does he know or believe, that the said *Philip* being Collated thereunto, did either by himself, or any other Person in his the said *Philip*'s behalf, satisfie or perform any such Contract or Promise, since the said Collation, by payment of any Sum of Money, or other valuable Consideration to the said *Baynard*, or his Order, in Consideration of the said Resignation, or to the said Bishop, or to any other Person for his the said Bishop's Use, in Consideration of the said Collation. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

III. Elizabetha Charlton. *Ad Primum Articulum deponit & dicit.* That she knows not when *Philip Mathews* in the Article mentioned,

* Note, That Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* being prest by the Bishop of *Derry* to speak the whole truth, when Examined, he did not deny his having bought the Resignation from Mr. *Baynard* for his Nephew, but alledged, who would not do as much, to get a good Benefice for their Kinsman; or words to that Effect.

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did obtain a Title to the Archdeaconry of *Connor*, nor whether a Resignation of the same was unduely procured from Mr. *John Baynard*, but has heard Mrs. *Mary Cole* say, and declare to this Deponent, that Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* was as faulty, as any Person in the Diocess; and that he had made some Bargain with *John Baynard*, late Archdeacon of *Connor*, for the Resignation of the said Archdeaconry, for the use of *Philip Mathews*. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

IV. Johannes Wotton *Gen. Ad Primum Articulum*, &c. That he believes that *Philip Mathews* in the Article mentioned, did in one of the Years in the Article mentioned, obtained a Resignation of the Archdeaconry of *Connor* from Mr. *John Baynard*; that he has heard *John Johnston* say and declare, that there was a Hundred Pounds Borrowed from Mr. *John Peers* to pay *John Baynard*. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

V. Robertus Harvey, *Gen. Ad Primum Articulum*, &c. That he knows that Mr. *Philip Mathews* did soon after the Rout of the *Boyne* in the Year 1690, obtain a Resignation of the Archdeaconry of *Connor* from Mr. *John Baynard*; that in the Year 1692, he heard Mrs. *Mary Cole* say, that she knew by what means the said Archdeacon *Philip Mathews* got the Archdeaconry of *Connor*; that since the Regal Visitation coming down into this Diocess, he has heard that there was the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds paid by some Person, to the said *Baynard*, in consideration of the said Resignation. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

VI. Johannes Hart, *Gener. Ad primum Articulum deponit & dicit.* That *Philip Mathews* did obtain the Archdeaconry of *Connor*, in the Year 1691, by the Resignation of Mr. *John Baynard*, late Archdeacon thereof; which Resignation this Deponent has seen and read, and does not know, but has heard, and believes upon common fame, that there was some Promise made by Archdeacon *Lemuel Mathews* to the said *Baynard*, on account of the said Archdeaconry of *Connor*, but knows not whether it was done with, or without the Consent of the said *Philip Mathews*: That he was Witness to a Bond, Signed and Sealed in *London*, by *Lemuel Mathews*, to Mr. *Baynard*, as he believes, before *Philip Mathews* was made Archdeacon of *Connor*, but for what Sum of Money this Deponent knows not: That he was ordered by Mr. *Lemuel Mathews* to pay the Sum of One Hundred Pounds to Mr. *Claudius Hayes* of *Dublin*, in whose Hands the said Bond was, which

he accordingly did, and brought the same Bond down to Mr. *Lemuel Mathews*, he being then his Servant: That the said Sum of One Hundred Pounds, was borrowed upon Bond from Mr. *John Peers* of *Lisburne*; and that Mr *Lemuel* and Mr. *Philip Mathews*, both entred into the said Bond to the said Mr. *John Peers*. That Twelve Pounds of the said Sum was kept back and detained by Mr. *Peers*, upon account of Rent: That the said *Lemuel Mathews* gave the said Money to this Deponent, together with a great deal more, to carry up to *Dublin*, which accordingly he did, and paid One Hundred Pounds of it to the said Mr. *Hayes* aforementioned. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

Note, *That the said Philip paid the said* 100 l. *since, notwithstanding his Oath.*

VII. Franciscus Wotton, *Gener.* *Ad primum Articulum deponit & dicit.* That he has been informed about a Year ago, and several times since, by *John Hart*, Servant to Mr. *Lemuel Mathews*, that the said *Lemuel Mathews* gave a Bond of Two Hundred Pounds to Mr. *John Baynard*, late Archdeacon of *Connor*, for and in consideration of the Resignation of the said Archdeaconry, upon the obtaining the said Resignation: That he the said *Hart* was a subscribing Witness to the said Bond; and that he has heard since the Regal Visitation, that there was One Hundred Pounds paid by the said *Lemuel Mathews*, or his Order, upon the account of the said Bond. This Deponent has also further heard, That the Sum of Seventy Pounds, or thereabouts, was paid to Mrs. *Mary Cole*, upon the account of obtaining the said Living from the Bishop of *Downe* and *Connor*, but knows not by whom it was paid. *Et ulterius nescit deponere.*

VIII. Johannes Johnston, *Generosus.* *Ad primum Articulum*, &c. That in the Year 1691, *Philip Mathews*, Archdeacon of *Connor*, as he believes, obtained a Collation of the said Archdeaconry. That some time since, in *February* last past, *John Hart*, Servant to *Lemuel Mathews*, told this Deponent, That he was present when *Lemuel Mathews* did in *London* enter into a Bond, or Bonds, of Two Hundred Pounds to Mr. *John Baynard*, late Archdeacon thereof, on consideration of the said Archdeaconry: That not long after the said *Baynard* drew a Bill of One Hundred Pounds on the said *Lemuel Mathews*, which Bill was Protested. That thereupon the said *Lemuel Mathews* being much concerned for the Protest of the Bill, and not having ready Money to pay it, borrowed the Sum of One Hundred Pounds from *John Peers* of *Lisburne*: That he the said *Hart* was sent up to *Dublin* with the said

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One Hundred Pounds; that he paid the ſame to Mr. *Hayes* in *Dublin*, and took up the ſaid Bill, and paid a Guinea Intereſt, and Half a Crown for the Proteſt of the Bill: That the ſaid *Hart* told this Deponent all this at ſeveral times, and upon ſeveral occaſions. This Deponent has alſo heard, That there was Sixty or Seventy Pounds paid to Mrs. *Mary Cole*, upon the account of the Sale of the ſaid Ardbdeaconry: That he was likewiſe told by the ſaid *John Hart*, That *Philip Mathews* was the occaſion of his Impriſonment, on purpoſe to hinder him from coming down to the Regal Viſitation, for making Diſcoveries of what he knew, for that it lay in his power to Ruin them all; and notwithſtanding he was there in their Service, they could neither allow him Maintenance, nor a Horſe to bring him down; yet he would come down and diſcover all he knew, tho' he came on foot. *Et ulterius neſcit deponere.*

Note, *that as ſoon as* Hart *came down Archdeac.* Mathews *reconciled himſelf to him, and* Hart *was his great Agent during the Viſitation.*

Archdeacon *Mathews* his Affidavit, about his Titles to *Carnecaſtle.*

LEmuel Mathews, *Prebendary of* Carnecaſtle *in the Dioceſs of* Connor, *came this Day before Us their Majeſties Eccleſiaſtical Commiſſioners, for Viſiting the Dioceſſes of* Downe *and* Connor, *and made Oath, That in the Year of our Lord* 1667, *this Deponent was Collated and Inſtituted by the then Lord Biſhop of* Downe *and* Connor, *to the then Vacant Prebend of* Carnecaſtle *aforeſaid, and was Inſtall'd into the ſame, and perform'd (as this Deponent believes) all the Requiſites to make this Deponent a rightful compleat Prebendary of the ſaid Prebend; and hath often Exhibited his Collation or Title to the ſaid Prebend, in ſeveral Metropolitical and Epiſcopal Viſitations of the ſaid Dioceſs of* Connor, *and in the King's Courts, in Tryals of ſome Rights belonging to the ſaid Prebend; And that the ſaid Title*

was

Misplaced or Miscarried, so that notwithstanding this Deponent's diligent Search) this Deponent cannot find the same.

Jurat coram nobis 6. Martii 1699.

Ep. Mathews.

Amb. Midensis.

Gulielmo Derensis.

The following Words were added by the Commissioners, & the said Mr. *Mathews* required to Swear them, which if he had done they offered to excuse his not Exhibiting his Titles to the said Prebend, but he refused them.

And that it hath lately been, and now is so Misplaced or Miscarried without this Deponent's Privity, Knowledge, Consent, or Connivance; *that notwithstanding he hath used his utmost Endeavours by diligent Searching for, and Enquiry after the same to find it out, so as to have it ready to produce before their Majesties Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for the Visitation of the Dioceses of Downe and Connor, he this Deponent by virtue of his said Oath deposeth, that he cannot find out or hear of the same.*

Ver. Copia. Exr. per Me.

Ja. Cogbill, N. P.

FINIS.